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2009 Royalty crowned

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel welcome the 2008-2009 Chickasaw Royalty at the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant on September 29. Chickasaw Princess Carla Lane, Chickasaw Junior Princess Julie Underwood and Little Miss Chickasaw Chelsea Wedlow will serve as ambassadors for the tribe during their one-year reigns. For full coverage, see story on page 11.

Indian Cultural Center celebrates completion of Promontory Mound

OKLAHOMA CITY - Dozens of people from across Oklahoma gathered August 25 to celebrate the completion of the Central Promontory Mound at the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum (AICCM) in Oklahoma City.

This circular earthwork feature, 1,000 feet in diameter, ramps up to a 90-foot peak that serves as a marker for the Summer Solstice sunset. The peak offers a magnificent view of the surrounding region.

Gena Timberman is executive director of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority (NACEA), the state agency developing the AICCM.

"The Central Promontory mound on the site of the AICCM was inspired by the mound building cultures in Oklahoma and eastern North America," said Ms Timberman. "As Native cultures have done for thousands of years, we once again gather at the river to celebrate an important milestone in Oklahoma's history."

Neil Robinson, Assistant Director, Cardinal Engineering, Inc, helped construct the mound.

"Designing and working on the promontory has given me an appreciation for the American Indians on this continent who built mounds of this nature hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years ago, without sophisticated engineering techniques and without heavy equipment," said Robinson.

Project executive Chris Pribil of Centennial Builders, said the mound entailed moving tons of earth.

"This represents a major milestone in the construction schedule as the Central Promontory takes its final shape and size," Pribil said. "To date we have moved over 42,000 truckloads of soil to build the 1.7-billion pound structural earth form. We now move into a new phase for the promontory, where we

*See **AICCM,** page 30*

Elders enjoy day of Chickasaw history and culture

KULLIHOMA - Chickasaw Nation elders from were treated as guests of honor on Elders' Culture Day September 19 at Kullihoma Reservation.

The tribal Cultural Resources Department, Division of History and Culture, sponsored the event to honor elders. It also presented an opportunity to share information about Chickasaw history and culture.

"This is a time when the elders can get together and talk about the past and tradition," said Eddie Postoak, Cultural Resources director.

Opening ceremonies featured the posting of colors by the Chickasaw Honor Guard and an invocation in Chickasaw delivered by Leerene Frazier.

Tribal legislators Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott and Dean McManus officially welcomed the elders.

"The elders are always considered a high priority in every decision we make," Mrs. McManus said.

Chickasaw youth Brook, Skye, Katy and Dale Shackleford, of Purcell, Okla., performed vocal selections in English and in Chickasaw. Michael

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Katy, Brook, Skye, and Dale Shackelford present musical selections during Elders' Day.

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August 15, 2008

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Members absent: Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Dana Hudspeth, Patricia J. Appel, Ashley Large, Traile Glory, Larry Smith

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 18, 2008

A correction was noted on the minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the July 18, 2008 minutes with corrections.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2008, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 25-083, Gubernatorial Appointment of the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner (Matthew L. Morgan)

This resolution confirms the gubernatorial appointment of Matthew L. Morgan as the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner to fill the remainder of an unexpired term of office ending on October 1, 2008. Mr. Morgan was previously appointed as Interim Gaming Commissioner and currently serves in that capacity. Mr. Morgan has been cleared to serve as Gaming Commissioner through the requirements provided in Title 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-083.

Members voting yes: Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR25-083 carried.

General Resolution Number 25-081, Gubernatorial Reappointment of the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner (Matthew L. Morgan)

This resolution confirms the gubernatorial reappointment of Matthew L. Morgan as the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner to fill a three-year term of office beginning on October 1, 2008, and ending on October 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-081.

Members voting yes: Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR25-081 carried.

General Resolution Number 25-082, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980's. This resolution also names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-082.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-082 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

No report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

Chairperson Briggs reported that the Legislature visited the Cultural Center in Sulphur.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

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Chickasaw Tribal Legislature
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Tribe offers programs to get healthy, feel great!

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

We have all heard the saying, "When you have your health, you have everything."

At the Chickasaw Nation, we could add "and attaining good health is an achievable goal."

Across our country, Indian people have struggled for generations with health issues that negatively impact lives and families, and can result in premature disability and death. Indians suffer from diabetes at more than twice the rate of the U.S. population in general. Stroke attacks Indians much more often than the general population, and our fatality rate from stroke is over one and one-half times as high.

We are not alone in facing these critical challenges. In Oklahoma, the population has the eighth-highest rate of obesity in the country. Oklahoma high school students have the sixth-highest obesity rate, and the state ranks 48th in overall health.

We must face these sobering facts, and we must remain totally committed to changing these statistics.

We know from experience it is easier to create a good habit than it is to get rid of a bad habit. Investing in wellness, prevention and education programs is a key for the Chickasaw Nation. It is our goal to motivate people to establish those good habits that lead to healthy, happy and fulfilling lives.

Through our wellness programs, people are encouraged to move their bodies, work their muscles and enjoy the fellowship of a good workout with neighbors and friends. Even a light or moderate regular workout can vastly improve cardiovascular and circulatory health. And we feel so much better!

And remember, a good workout is not exceedingly strenuous nor does it involve heavy

Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

weights. There are many exercises that involve primarily simple stretching and moving. These exercises do us a world of good and virtually anyone can benefit.

Please make use of our wellness centers in Ada, Ardmore and Tishomingo. You'll be glad you did!

Another essential element in our quest for good health is healthy eating. In this modern age, it seems we are all so busy we fail to properly consider our food consumption. Today, there are so many choices available to us and, unfortunately, many of them are "empty calorie" selections. We can eat healthy and well if we will make the commitment.

The Chickasaw Nation offers a great menu of choices for those ready to learn the basics of great eating.

Our Diabetes Care Center adjacent to Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada offers terrific programs in nutrition, weight loss and "diabetes friendly" cooking classes. Our "Get Fresh!" program offers wonderful nutrition education as well as fun cooking classes and demonstrations. Our Farmers' Market nutrition programs offer vouchers to our elders so they can get the very freshest fruits and vegetables straight from the farm.

Of course, our food distribution program and nutrition centers offer a tremendous selection of healthy and satisfying food.

Your tribe wants you to know how to develop those important healthy habits. We want you to have the latest information on how best to treat your body and attain that "great feeling" that comes with good health. We want you to have access to great, healthy food that really works for your body, and the training and cooking demonstrations that show you how to make tremendous family meals.

Those old bad habits can be very hard to break, but you can do it! And starting good new habits, like exercise and healthy eating, is much easier. And you will feel so much better.

We absolutely can make a big and positive difference in our own personal health.

Let's decide today to start on the "good habits" trail. And remember, your tribe is supporting your healthy efforts with the programs and healthy foods to make your journey successful!

Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator recognized

Lance named American College of Healthcare Executives fellow

Bill Lance

Bill G. Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) Administrator, was recently named a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), the nation's leading professional society for health care executives dedicated to improving health care delivery.

Status as an ACHE Fellow represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. Only 7,500 health care executives hold this distinction.

Obtaining fellow status is a rigorous process in which candidates must fulfill multiple requirements. They must pass a comprehensive examination, meet academic and experiential criteria, earn continuing education credits and demonstrate professional and community involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

"By becoming an ACHE Fellow and simultaneously earning board certification from ACHE, health care leaders can show that they are committed to providing high-quality service to their patients and community," said Thomas C. Dolan, Ph.D, FACHE, CAE, president and chief executive officer of ACHE.

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 health care executives. These executives lead the nation's hospitals, health care systems and other health care organizations.

"It is an honor to recognize Bill Lance for his hard work and dedication," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Mr. Lance's commitment to excellence and constant pursuit of continuously raising standards is vital in helping create our vision of healthy American Indians through informed choices and excellent health services."

Mr. Lance has served as CNHS administrator since 2000. The CNHS is a complex, comprehensive health system. It includes the Ada, Okla., campus consisting of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, plus the Diabetes Care Center and Family Practice Clinic. Additionally, four satellite clinics are located in Ardmore, Durant, Purcell and Tishomingo, Okla.

The CNHS' clinics accommodate more than 360,000 patient visits per year, and the hospital maintains an occupancy rate of 60% to 70%. Other health system facilities and programs Mr. Lance oversees include a substance abuse adult residential treatment center, environmental health services, family wellness centers in Ada, Ardmore and Tishomingo, nutritional services with a farmers' market program, senior farmers' market program, food stamp nutrition education program, breastfeeding peer counselor program, multiple Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program sites, and three food distribution and nutrition centers.

"I will always be thankful for Governor Anoatubby's support and encouragement of my professional development," Mr. Lance said. "He is a tremendous mentor and role model for all our tribe."

Together with Gov. Anoatubby, Mr. Lance is managing a historic project - the building of a 370,000 square-foot Chickasaw Nation health care facility, located just outside of Ada.

The CNHS is home to more than 500 employees. Its annual operating budget is in excess of $77 million.

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

Hospital, Cultural Center, WinStar forging ahead

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hi, Everyone!

I can hardly believe it is Festival time again!! The year has gone so fast, it seems, but then I start remembering all the wonderful happenings of the year we are just finishing and it is nothing short of amazing how many accomplishments have occurred all over the Tribe.

Most noteworthy of all, I think, is the new state-of-the-art hospital. What an incredible and wondrous gift to all Chickasaws the hospital is. And then to receive the $30 million grant from the federal government which will be used to provide the additional personnel which will be needed for the new hospital. The grant is a continuing grant and our healthcare administrative staff worked on the grant project for nearly two years and were selected from dozens of contenders for the award. We are so thankful for this enormous, magnificent achievement.

The Cultural Center at Sulphur is really showing its progress – and it is amazing. The night before the parade and State of the Nation address from the Governor we are going to be given a "walking tour" of the outer portion of the facility. An event everyone is anticipating.

The Winstar Casinos continue to grow (and grow and grow!!) and besides being enormous it is really a different, outstanding look in architecture. The new 12-story hotel appears to be nearing the completion of its construction and we are all anxious for the entire project to be finished. It is connected by a walkway to the casinos.

New Chickasaw princesses will be chosen in the next two weeks and that is always an exciting event. So many talented young ladies it is always hard to see that all cannot be selected! Also, so many youth will be recognized for special achievements. In November three young Chickasaw composers who have worked with the enormously gifted Jerod Tate will be privileged to have their compositions played at the Native American Museum in Washington, D.C., as well as at the Lincoln Center the evening of the same day.

On and on I could go but I will pause for awhile and hope that it will be my get privilege and honor to see many of you at the Festival! God bless all of you!

Linda Briggs

Colorful, wonderful Fall brings tradition of Festival time

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

There are many things that Fall brings to mind for me in Oklahoma. It is my favorite time of the year. I don't really know why I love it so, but I can remember as a child loving to walk through the leaves and hear them crunch under my feet. I still love to do that. I love the changing of the leaves as the oak leaves fade from green to shades of gold and brown. It is just beautiful here.

I am looking forward to watching our new hospital being built in the little valley on the edge of Ada. I will continue to update the hospital progress at www.goforthparker.com and you too can watch the Oklahoma Fall colors as they emerge around our hospital structure.

Another event that happens in the Fall is the Chickasaw Festival. As legislators, we used to ride in the parade on a hay wagon. Now that did have a rural Oklahoma flavor to it. Later on, we advanced to sitting on convertibles. Though I did feel somewhat like a football queen, I always wondered if I could hang on for the entire ride. We are now perched upon something more safe, and we no longer get to throw candy because of safety issues, but we sure do have fun waving and smiling at the citizens as we pass by.

I am going to work on a blog capturing the festival activities. As you know, the blog is my online journal. I will try to journal this year's events for you. If you cannot attend in person, at least you will be there vicariously.

My prayer is that you and your loved ones will enjoy this season as we near Thanksgiving and Christmas. God bless you. God bless our military.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN
Chickasaw Legislator Pontotoc District, Seat2

Early childhood, child care booming

Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

There is plenty happening on the education front these days with school in full swing.

All our Early Childhood (Head Start) centers are filled to capacity with our young Indian students ready to prepare for elementary school. We are now serving a total of 260 children at our centers in Ardmore, Ada, Sulphur, Duncan and Tishomingo. Of this total, 107 are Chickasaw and 138 are Indian children from other tribes.

Our child care program is also extremely popular. For the month of August, child care assistance was extended to assist 281 children, most of whom are Chickasaw. This program extends assistance to area child care facilities so the children have a safe and secure environment while their mothers are at work. That is the way it is these days - virtually all women are in the workplace. The child care assistance program is truly a Godsend to many of our young mothers.

We are very active in the areas of scholarship with our students, whether they be elementary, secondary, vocational, adult, collegeiate or post-graduate.

A very interesting education program of which you may not be aware is our At-Large program for students living outside our tribal boundaries.

We currently have 105 children participating in our At-large reading program; 89 using the Chickasaw flash cards; 77 receiving brochures; and 13 participating in our "High Reach" curriculum.

Thank you for your tremendous support! We are helping our students improve their educations and their career choices. You are providing the essential building blocks for these kids' futures!

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 15, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman

Education Committee

September 8, 2008

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman

Absent: Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee

September 8, 2008

Present: Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert Pro Tempore

Absent: Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Land Development Committee

September 8, 2008

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Scott Colbert

Absent: Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Legislative Committee

September 15, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman

Chickasaws well represented at Indian Aging conference

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! Autumn has arrived with its warm days and cool nights. Absolutely beautiful weather here in the Chickasaw Nation.

I have just returned from the National Indian Conference on Aging held in Tacoma, Washington. The Chickasaw Honor Guard presented the colors and several other tribes followed ours with their veterans flying their tribal flags. It was moving, to say the least.

A lot of Chickasaw elders attend the conference and we had the second largest delegation next to the Navajo Nation. Elders attended from all of our senior sites as well as the Oklahoma City Community Council. The national conference is held every two years in different parts of the U.S. and is hosted by local tribes in that area.

The newly elected representative from our district on the board for the National Indian Council on Aging is Thedo "Ted" Underwood. Ted is director of the Chickasaw Nation Veterans program. He replaces my colleague Dean McManus. Ted won a close decision over the Muskogee Creek candidate for this seat on the board.

All of our delegation attended meetings and participated in all the workshops. Thirteen members of our delegation, including yours truly, showed our traditional dress by modeling in a fashion show. Over 100 tribes from across the U.S. were represented at the conference.

All construction within the Chickasaw Nation is right on schedule. Winstar Casino, Hotel and conference center and the new hospital continue to grow. The different sections of Winstar Casino will be opened as they are completed.

Health System Administrator Bill Lance reports the following statistics: for the month of August, 2008, there were 219 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 20,371. August Emergency Room visits were 1,000. August saw 283 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 3,018 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,080 patients in July. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,156 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,037. The Durant Clinic saw 2,660 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 2,297 in August.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Chickasaw seniors staying active; Children's Choir coming

Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma,

Can you believe that we are starting another "new year" here in the Chickasaw Nation? The affairs of the Nation are set on an October through September calendar. That is a bit different than January through December. There are many developments for this year.

We should see major construction on: the new hospital, just south of Ada, the new Judicial and Legislative buildings, located just north of the existing headquarters, and the completion of the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. These are just a few of the things we can look forward to.

On a more local level, I have enjoyed driving by the Senior Citizens Site and seeing a small tour bus from the Nation parked there; An indication that seniors have been traveling. I can remember when we didn't even have a center much less have seniors going places. Now when there is an Indian taco sale at the site, the parking lot is full and overflowing. It is a wonderful to see them going on trips, fund raising, attending parties and most importantly, meeting other Chickasaws and making new friends.

I recently heard that the Chickasaw Nation Children's Choir will be coming to the Panola District! If you know of any children who would like to participate, call the Nation for details. (580) 436-2603. Ask for Laura Stewart or Philip Barryhill.

About 3 weeks ago, I received an unmarked envelope that contained an ad from *the Times*. Someone had written in the margin asking for my assistance with a particular program. HELP! There is no return contact information on or in the envelope. Every now and then I have the same type of thing happen with my phone. If you do not hear from me within a day or two please call back. On occasion, the answering machine does not get the message. I hate to miss your calls or not be able to respond to your letters.

Recently I heard a talk given about Native American Heroes. It was very interesting and definitely got me thinking. The first Indian I thought of was from my childhood, Tonto, the Lone Ranger's sidekick, **Mr. Jay Silverheels**. He did not have a lot of dialogue but he was always faithful to be there for the Lone Ranger. Another famous Native American, **Jim Thorpe**. Now he is pretty well known also, however, I am not so sure that the younger generation fully identifies with the two men I have mentioned. Please tell me readers, who do you, consider to be: (try to list more than one)

1. "The Greatest Native American"
2. A good Indian Role Model
3. An outstanding Chickasaw

Not only do we need to think globally but tribal as well. We have some outstanding roles models in our own Chickasaw Nation history. **Jesse "Cab" Renick.** - An Olympic Gold Medal winner in 1948,

Pearl Scott - pilot and Chickasaw legislator

Cathrine Pickens Wilmond - Co-author of Chickasaw Analytical Dictionary

Miss Courtney Parchcorn. Courtney, along with two other Chickasaw students, will have their musical compositions performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. She is also known for her outstanding bead working ability and has received many awards for her creations.

I have named only a few Chickasaws. I encourage you to review your family history, past and present. Many or you have heroes in your very own families. We as a nation need to share in the triumphs that each has experienced.

I look forward to hearing about your views on Native American Heroes/role models and Chickasaws who are current day role models…The NOW generation needs to know of not only global Native American role models but also Tribal role models.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your family

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September 2008 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 25-084

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

McAlester Watershed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Antero Resources Corporation, 1625 17th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202. Antero Resources Corporation has submitted an acceptable bid of $4,275.00 per acre for a total bonus of $345,505.50, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $86,376.38, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: Lot 1; NE¼NW¼ of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 80.82 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $242.46, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $60.62 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-085

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

Tribal Tract 1203

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Antero Resources Corporation, 1625 17th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202. Antero Resources Corporation has submitted an acceptable bid of $2,750.00 per acre for a total bonus of $55,000.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $13,750.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as the E½NE¼SE¼ of Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 15 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 20.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $60.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $15.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-086

Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties

Arkansas River Bed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Cardinal River Energy I LP, 210 Park Avenue, Suite 1140, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. Cardinal River Energy has submitted an acceptable bid of $207.00 per acre for a total bonus of $5,441.20, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $680.15, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: Section 12, Township 10 North, Range 24 East in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma, containing 26.286 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $78.85, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $9.86 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-087

Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties

Arkansas River Bed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Cardinal River Energy I LP, 210 Park Avenue, Suite 1140, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. Cardinal River Energy has submitted an acceptable bid of $207.00 per acre for a total bonus of $28,899.27, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $3,612.41, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 24 East in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma, containing 139.61 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $418.83, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $52.35 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-088

Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties

Arkansas River Bed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Cardinal River Energy I LP, 210 Park Avenue, Suite 1140, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. Cardinal River Energy has submitted an acceptable bid of $207.00 per acre for a total bonus of $11,076.57, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $1,384.57, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 24 East in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma, containing 53.51 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $160.53, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $20.07 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-089

Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties

Arkansas River Bed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Gary A. Monroe and Associates, Post Office Box 2110, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902. Gary A. Monroe and Associates has submitted an acceptable bid of $125.00 per acre for a total bonus of $11,241.25, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $1,405.16, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: Section 13, Township 10 North, Range 26 East, USA in Trust in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma, containing 89.93 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $269.79, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $33.72 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-090

Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties

Arkansas River Bed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Gary A. Monroe and Associates, Post Office Box 2110, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902. Gary A. Monroe and Associates has submitted an acceptable bid of $201.01 per acre for a total bonus of $1,302.54, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $162.82, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 26 East in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma, containing 6.48 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $19.44, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2.43 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-091

Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties

Arkansas River Bed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Gary A. Monroe and Associates, Post Office Box 2110, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902. Gary A. Monroe and Associates has submitted an acceptable bid of $201.01 per acre for a total bonus of $28,881.12, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $3,610.14, on prop-

*See **Resolutions,** page 29*

'I wasn't going to give up for anything'

Chickasaw prep athlete recovers from frightening virus

Caleb Carney

Most 15-year-olds are concerned with learning how to drive a car. But when Caleb Carney turned 15, he was faced with learning to walk again.

Three years ago, Caleb, a Chickasaw boy, went from budding athlete to the intensive care unit within one week. He was suffering from a "mystery illness" later identified as Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA). MRSA is a deadly form of staph infection that does not respond to most antibiotics.

"We didn't know what to think," Caleb said. "We thought it was just the flu."

The infection continued to make its way into Caleb's bones and organs, slowly shutting them down. At his lowest point, Caleb had to be placed on life support devices.

After three surgeries and nearly six months of physical therapy, Caleb persevered to make a full recovery.

"I wasn't going to give up for anything," he said. "I looked to God and He gave me the strength to keep fighting."

Now in his junior year at McAlester (OK) High School, he excels in football, basketball and track.

"It feels amazing to be able to do all of it," Caleb said.

Caleb's determination and ability to overcome the challenge were recently recognized by the producers of the Fox Network's reality television series "The Real Winning Edge."

The series, which premiered September 20, features three real life high school and college students who have triumphed over hardships. Each of these young people is introduced by a celebrity, such as NASCAR's Jeff Gordon or the NFL's Matt Hasselbeck.

"We want to tell positive stories of real teenagers who have overcome different types of adversities and become great role models for other young people," said "Edge" producer Kathleen Watson.

"Caleb's story is encouraging," Watson said. "Giving up wasn't an option for him. He stuck with it and became a talented athlete."

Caleb said that while the cameras and interviews were an exciting part of being featured on "Edge," he really hoped that his story would convey the message of not giving up.

"Everything happens for a reason," he said. "I just want them to know that if something gets them down, to keep fighting."

"The Real Winning Edge" will run for 26 weeks. Caleb's story is slated to be aired on the weekend of February 7.

For more information on the series, including a list of stations on which it will be aired, visit www.realwinningedge.com.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Officer knew her career path early in life

Officer Randi Conn

When Randi Conn dons her Lighthorse Police uniform, she is fulfilling a lifelong quest.

Since she was a toddler, the Ada native has strived to be a police officer.

"I told my mom I wanted to be a cop when I was three," she said.

Her uncle is a police officer so she got an up-close view of the profession, and she was intrigued.

Officer Conn began working as a patrol officer in 2007, shortly after earning her criminal justice degree from East Central (OK) University.

She recently returned from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and is a now fully-certified federal officer.

During the 16-week course in Artesia, N.M., she endured rigorous training.

"It's tough," she said. "We started out with 48 students and 17 graduated."

After an August 8 graduation, she hit the ground running as soon as she returned to Ada.

"It's been a whirlwind," she said.

Officer Conn now stays busy patrolling the northern section of the Chickasaw Nation, from State Highway 7 in Murray County north to Riverwind Casino at Goldsby.

She likes the unpredictability of the job.

"You never know what is going to happen from one minute to the next," she said.

She also enjoys helping people.

Her ultimate career goal is to be a criminal investigator with the Lighthorse Police Department.

Officer Conn, 24, grew up working with Chickasaw Nation and its citizens. Her ties to the tribe started at age 14 when she was a summer youth worker. Through the years, she has worked in various departments ranging from child development to clerical work to KADA radio. Now, as an LPD officer, she is still able to work with the tribe, while her life-long dream becomes reality.

She loves working at LPD and the officers are like her second family.

When she is not working, Officer Conn enjoys spending time with her family and friends and watching football.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

2008-2009 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

Pontotoc District
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1. Holly Easterling
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3. Katie Case
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5. Mary Jo Green
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   (580) 276-5420
3. Linda Briggs
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   Sulphur, OK 73086
   (580) 993-2818
3. Steven Woods
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Panola District
Seat #

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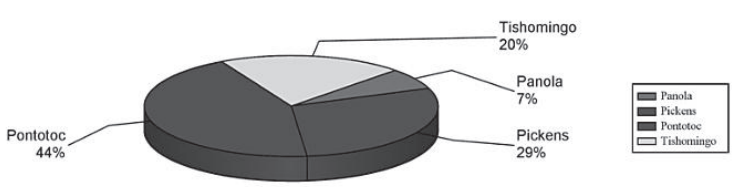
Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,685	Pontotoc	10,090
Pickens	6,684	Panola	1,550
		Total	23,009



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Paying tribute

Patriot Day honors fallen comrades; commemorates 9/11

Lighthorse Police chief Jason O'Neal presents a plaque honoring the late Lighthorse Special Agent Robert Flickinger. The plaque is presented to Agent Flickinger's parents, Robert and Jeanie Flickinger. At left is East Central University president Richard Rafes.

Front row from left, Officer Randi Conn, Chief Jason O'Neal, Sgt. Robby Williams, and Officer Michael Holloway. Back row from left, Officer Alyson Orr, Officer Brad Holloway, Officer Brent Harper, Officer Gary Dodd, Special Agent Chris Palmer, Sgt. Phillip Wood and Special Agent Jason Edwards.

ADA, Okla. - Hundreds attended Patriot Day, September 11, at Norris Field on the East Central University campus. The event was organized by Heather O'Neal to honor, celebrate and remember all the men and women in uniform, past and present, and commemorate the tragic loss of life in the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Members of local communities, the armed forces, law enforcement and firefighters throughout the state attended the event. It was a heartfelt day of remembrance as people paid tribute to the men and women in uniform who paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend and protect America.

A special honor was presented to the family of fallen Lighthorse Special Agent Robert Flickinger and a plaque was presented to his parents, Robert and Jeanie Flickinger.

"My son was a dedicated Christian and father and dedicated to the community in which he proudly served, loved, and died for. He will always be missed," said Robert Flickinger.

Lighthorse Special Agent Robert Flickinger

During the presentation ceremony, speeches were given by Robert Flickinger's mother and father and Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal.

"My son always wanted to serve his community," Mrs. Flickinger said. "When he was little he said he wanted to be a firefighter, police officer, or a cowboy. He lived his dream and became both a police officer and cowboy."

"Patrick considered it an honor to serve his community and listed on his resume that his personal goal was to maintain integrity in order to be a positive role model to his daughter and community," Chief O'Neal said. "He met this goal. Pat possessed a variety of rich qualities, but of particular note were the sincerity and compassion with which he treated everyone with whom he came in contact."

To celebrate on this day of remembrance, members of the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon flew in for a special performance. The 24-man rifle platoon performs a unique precision drill exhibition consisting of a series of calculated and precise drill movements using 10.5-pound M-1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets. The performance can only be described as "amazing," said Heather O'Neal.

Patriot Day included speeches from Brig. Gen. Gary D. Bray, Deputy Commander of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, and Dr. Larry Birney, Director of the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET).

The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard was on hand to perform a 21-gun salute to remember America's fallen heroes over the last year. There were also several musical performances throughout the evening by members of the community.

"It was nice to see such an overwhelming community turnout for Patriot Day," Chief O'Neal said.

Contributed by Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.

The Final Inspection

Chief Jason O'Neal read the poem below as a tribute to the late Special Agent Robert Flickinger.

The policeman stood and faced his God, which must always come to pass.

He hoped his shoes were shining as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, officer. How shall I deal with you?

Have you always turned the other cheek? To my church have you been true?"

The officer squared his shoulders and said, "No, Lord, I guess I ain't.

'Cause those of us who carry badges can't always be a saint.

But I never took a penny that wasn't mine to keep…

Though I worked a lot of overtime when the bills just got too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear.

And sometimes, God forgive me, I wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place among the people here.

They never wanted me around except to calm their fear.

If you've a place for me here, Lord, it needn't be so grand.

I've never expected or had too much, but if you don't, I'll understand."

There was silence all around the throne where the saints had often trod.

As the officer waited quietly for the answer of his God,

"Step forward now, officer, you've borne your burdens well.

Come walk a beat on Heaven's streets, you've done your time in Hell."

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Special Agent

Robert Patrick Flickinger

Born - August 11, 1970

End of Watch - March 7, 2008

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Lambert volume published by Chickasaw Press

'Never Give Up!' offers insight into aviatrix's tried-and-true spirit

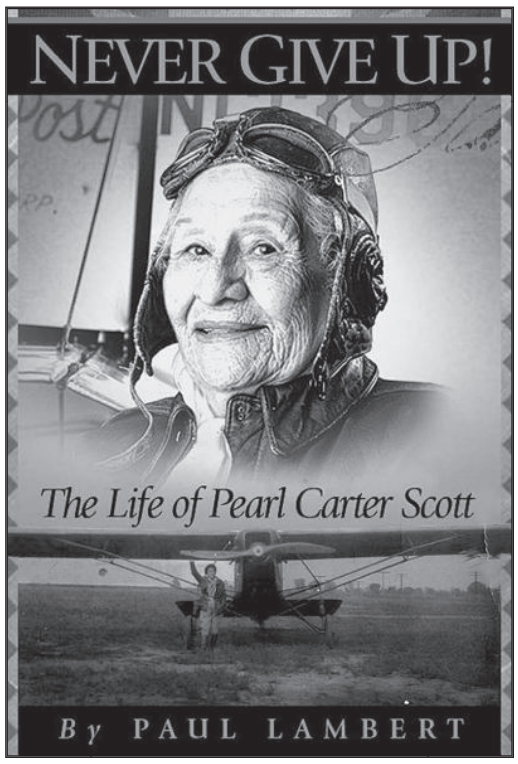
When face-to-face with a copy of "Never Give Up! The Pearl Carter Scott Story," the first thing you see is the youthful zest dancing in Mrs. Scott's eyes, contrasted against a warm smile that seems to say "been there, done that and now I'm all the wiser."

Perhaps this photograph on the biography's cover was chosen to give the reader a teaser of what is contained within.

In "Never Give Up!," author Paul F. Lambert, Ph.D paints a detailed picture of the life of Pearl Carter Scott. So detailed, in fact, that within the span of 241 pages, the reader can look at a photo of the legendary Chickasaw aviatrix and comfortably presume to know what she might be thinking.

Mrs. Scott's experiences are hugged between the stories of those closest to her. Accounts of her immediate family and friends give a sense not only of what she accomplished and how she touched those around her, but also how she became such a remarkable person.

Ample use of personal quips and anecdotes further show Mrs. Scott's many facets. Upon finishing the book, you not only know that she made history, was an incredibly devoted mother and citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, but also that she had a terrible fear of storms and that her Chihuahua, Bambi, was her faithful companion.



As the reader is pulled through the book, its title, "Never Give Up!" proves to be more than appropriate. Not only was this Mrs. Scott's personal motto, but it becomes evident that she put her philosophy into action as well.

In addition to the lively narrative, Lambert has provided a visual into Mrs. Scott's life by adding dozens of photographs, many from Mrs. Scott's personal collection. "Never Give Up! The Life of Pearl Carter Scott" will prove to be perfect preface or compliment to the biopic of Pearl Carter Scott, which is now in production.

For a copy of "Never Give Up! The Life of Pearl Carter Scott," contact the Chickasaw Outpost at (580)332-1458.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Commerce results solid; transfers support tribal programs

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's Division of Education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending August 31, 2008

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $85.1 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $8.3 million for the month and $56.8 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $92.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for August totaled $70 million and $686 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $23 million for the month and $225 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $78 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At August 31, 2008, the tribal government funds had $94 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $12.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $219 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of August 31, 2008, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $876 million with $170 million in payables resulting in net assets of $706 million compared to $628 million at January 31, 2008 or an increase of $78 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2008

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	4,130,680	686,219,199	690,349,879
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		85,141,673	(85,141,673)	-
Total funds available		89,272,353	601,077,526	690,349,879
Expenditures				
General government		8,281,123		8,281,123
Legislature		1,358,639		1,358,639
Judiciary		764,260		764,260
Education		10,979,782		10,979,782
Heritage Preservation		3,240,560		3,240,560
Health		11,142,563		11,142,563
Youth and Family Services		5,491,392		5,491,392
Nutrition Programs		2,975,522		2,975,522
Regulatory		4,392,492		4,392,492
Assistance Programs		8,222,665		8,222,665
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			368,737,324	368,737,324
Other businesses' expense			154,120,995	154,120,995
Total expenditures		56,848,999	522,858,319	579,707,318
Increase in net assets		32,423,354	78,219,207	110,642,561
Beginning net assets		241,002,527	354,399,938	595,402,465
Ending net assets	$	273,425,881	432,619,144	706,045,026

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
August 31, 2008

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	94,917,880	219,684,372	314,602,252
Receivables		1,273,030	31,762,631	33,035,662
Inventory			5,160,613	5,160,613
Prepaid expenses			10,890,798	10,890,798
Other Assets			28,612,830	28,612,830
Fixed assets		177,575,066	306,679,483	484,254,550
Less payables		(340,096)	(170,171,584)	(170,511,680)
Net Assets	$	273,425,881	432,619,144	706,045,026

From basic to complex, area needed assistance

Chickasaw officer helps prepare Kirkuk for post-war era

U.S. Marine Corps Major Jimmie Scott, Chickasaw, took a lead role in the effort to bring Kirkuk, Iraq government operations into the 21st Century and prepare the country for the possibility of independence.

Maj. Scott, a U.S. Marine on assignment to the State Department, said he knew the sovereignty issue was coming up, but wondered, "how do you get a country ready for sovereignty?"

In answer to his own question, he decided he must help the Iraqis develop a system to manage their assets and develop an effective method of communication with citizens.

"The only way to do that is to automate it," he said.

To help achieve that goal, Maj. Scott led a Department of State Provincial Reconstruction Team which designed and built a government operations technology center.

The $500,000 building contained $3 million in state-of-the-art computer systems.

In addition, the team also helped develop a web site to provide citizens with information about health care , school schedules, commodity distribution and other services.

Maj. Scott used the Chickasaw Nation web site as an example to show what can be done with the technology.

"I've been using it for years to show people in Greece, Moscow, Italy what we do," he said.

Maj. Scott then helped train government officials to work with a system which was completely different than the centralized, socialist-type system they had dealt with previously.

"Everything was run by the state, by selected individuals. No individualism at all," said Maj. Scott. "If you had a question, or if you wanted to do something, you sent a courier to Baghdad. Someone in Baghdad would tell you yes or no."

This system left most citizens with inadequate access to basic services.

One striking example of the ineffectiveness of the system was that Kirkuk, a city of more than one million, had no method of dealing with solid waste.

According to Maj. Scott, everyone merely dumped their trash outside their property line, because there were no garbage bins or garbage trucks.

U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Jimmie Scott, right, recently presented a Kirkuk flag to Gov. Bill Anoatubby. Chickasaw legislator Wanda Scott, left, Maj. Scott's mother, joined him for the presentation.

Driving through the city, there were piles of trash as far as you could see, according to Maj. Scott.

One member of the team who was schooled in solid waste disposal methods helped develop a system to collect and dispose of the waste.

Kirkuk flag

Another example of the broken system is the fact that citizens in Kirkuk would often have to travel to each location to learn when they could pick up food commodities or receive medical or other services.

This was more than inconvenient. It was often dangerous, as residents would have to deal with organized criminal activity.

What some call insurgents, Maj. Scott describes as pirates.

"You have your petrol pirates - you have your highway bandit pirates. You have organized crime you have to put up with," he said.

With the development of the government Web site, access to information is now much more readily available.

Many of the residents of Kirkuk have Internet access through a satellite-based system.

Neighborhood residents will often pool their funds to purchase a satellite receiver and wire the system to enable them to share the connection.

The team also developed an effective 911 emergency system which improved police response considerably.

All these efforts are based on the desire to enable Kirkuk to function effectively, whether they achieve the goal of independence and sovereign status.

"For me, it was 'forget about Baghdad, Kirkuk has to stand on its own'," he said. "That's how I built it from the start, because Baghdad cared nothing for Kirkuk."

Kirkuk is populated largely by Turkomans and Kurds, which has resulted in considerable ethnic tension with the Iraqi central government. Many citizens of the region have long sought independence from Iraq.

The central government has long resisted that desire, often violently.

Maj. Scott said he graves of more than 200,000 residents killed by poison gas have been found in the region.

"It's not unusual to build something somewhere and find a bunch of remains," he said solemnly.

Resistance to Kirkuk's quest for sovereignty is motivated by massive oil reserves in the region.

"When you fly into (Kirkuk), it's like flying into Dante's inferno," Maj. Scott said. "The whole city is ringed with cracking plants. There's more oil in Kirkuk than anywhere else in the Arab countries."

While the region is no longer the target of violent attack by the Iraqi military, many citizens feel the region is neglected by the central government in Baghdad.

The citizens of Kirkuk are still striving for independence, but they have not yet achieved status as a sovereign entity.

Regardless of whether the citizens reach that goal, the city is much better prepared to operate with greater independence from Baghdad, thanks to the efforts of Maj. Scott and the Provincial Reconstruction Team.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Youth sports, language camp set for December in Ada

The Chickasaw Nation will host a Chickasaw Language Youth Sports Camp from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 19, 22 and 23 at the community center (the old gym) on the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters campus in Ada, Okla.

Himittaalhiha Hochokoshkomo, "The Youth are Playing," will feature To'li' (stickball), basketball, baseball/softball/wiffleball, volleyball, soccer and capture the flag. The focus of the sporting events will be on learning the Chickasaw language through a variety of interactive language and sporting activities.

The camp will start each day promptly at 9 a.m. with lunch provided for the day campers. Athletic shoes will be required for all campers. Come prepared for a great day of sports and learning!

This will be a one day camp and each day will host a select age group. Dec. 19 will host grades 1-3; Dec. 22 grades 4-6; and Dec. 23 grades 7-9.

There are 30 spots available in each age group. Space is limited, so sign up now to assure a place in this exciting event.

For more information and to sign up for the event, contact the Chickasaw Nation Language Program at 580-272-5322.

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Chickasaw Princess Carla Lane - Chickasaw Junior Princess Julie Underwood - Little Miss Chickasaw Chelsea Wedlow

2008-2009 Chickasaw royalty crowned at Princess Pageant

ADA, Okla. - Three Chickasaw young ladies began their reign as 2008-09 Chickasaw royalty during the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant, conducted at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center Monday, Sept. 29.

Chickasaw Princess Carla Lane, Chickasaw Junior Princess Julie Underwood, and Little Miss Chickasaw Chelsea Wedlow were crowned by Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel. The trio will serve as Chickasaw royalty for the next year.

"We are proud of these extraordinary young ladies who will serve as ambassadors for the Chickasaw people during the upcoming year," Gov. Anoatubby said. "They join a great history of dynamic Chickasaw women."

During the pageant young ladies were judged in several different categories, including traditional Chickasaw dress, random questioning, talent and poise.

Contestants demonstrated a wide variety of talents ranging from stomp dancing to storytelling to signing.

The winners were selected by a panel of judges. Gov. Anoatubby awarded each member of the new royalty with a crown, traditional dress, shawl, sash, trophy, gifts and cash prizes.

The new royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across the country during the one-year reign.

Chickasaw Princess Carla Lane is the 22-year-old daughter of J.D. and Janett Lane, of Ravia, Okla.

"Since I was a little girl I have always dreamed of one day being the Chickasaw Princess," Miss Lane said. "(It's) a great honor to be able to hold the title, and I will, to the best to my ability, serve as a role model for other young Chickasaw people, and be someone that they would look up to."

Miss Lane said in her new role, she hoped to learn more about her heritage and help preserve the Chickasaw language, by sharing both with other young people.

Chickasaw Junior Princess Julie Leshell Underwood, of Reagan, Okla., aspires to be an outstanding goodwill ambassador for the Chickasaw Nation.

"To be chosen for the Chickasaw Junior Princess for 2008-2009 is a great honor and privilege," Miss Underwood said.

During her reign, the 13-year-old daughter of Darrell and Linda Underwood also hopes to convey her respect for her tribe to others.

Miss Underwood is an eighth grader at Mill Creek Junior High School, where she is active in several academics and athletic organizations.

Little Miss Chickasaw Chelsea Lynn Wedlow, of Allen, Okla., said she would strive to make everyone in the Chickasaw Nation proud, particularly the elders.

"I work hard and try my best to make them proud and make the Chickasaw Nation proud," Miss Wedlow said.

She is the nine-year-old daughter of Maceo Wedlow and Rachel (Stick) Wedlow. She is a fourth grade student at Allen Elementary School.

Maegan Carney, Ardmore, and Andrea Underwood and Krysten Wallace, both of Ada, also participated in the Little Miss Chickasaw category. In the Chickasaw Junior Princess category, the participants included Brittney Frazier and Fichik Hita Frazier, both of Ada.

During the pageant ceremony, special recognition was paid to the princesses completing their reigns as Chickasaw royalty for 2007-2008.

Outgoing royalty are Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetathchi, Chickasaw Junior Princess Catie Newport, and Little Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker.

"I have learned so many new things about my culture," Miss Walker said during an emotional farewell address.

"This year has been an incredible year." said Miss Newport, adding she is a better person because of the things she learned during her reign.

Miss Monetathchi said even though her reign was concluding, she would continue to serve her tribe to the best of her ability.

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

All royalty participants are required to be residents of the Chickasaw Nation and have a minimum one-quarter Chickasaw blood quantum, submit an essay, three letters of reference from non-relatives plus a 5x7 self-portrait.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princesses, contact Toni Castleberry at (580) 272-7710, or email toni.castleberry@chickasaw.net.

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Church accepting donations on behalf of Ike survivors

Hurricane Ike survivors James and Georgia Stufflebeam. The Stufflebeams are staying in Tishomingo with Billy and Virginia Mills

James and Georgia Stufflebeam lost virtually all their possessions, including their home, during the Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike storms in Texas.

The Stufflebeams are staying in Tishomingo with Mrs. Stufflebeam's sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Billy Mills.

The tribe is assisting the Stufflebeams, and a local church is gathering donations for the couple.

To donate, please send contributions to First Assembly of God Church, P.O. Box 415, Tishomingo, OK 73460.

For details on items needed, please call Mrs. Mills at (580) 371-0546.

Children introduced to gardening through new hands-on program

Pre-school teacher Mindy Caras teaches Ada Chickasaw preschool student Lexi Matthews about crops planted for the new gardeaning program.

In partnership with the tribal Horticulture Department and Chickasaw Studies, a gardening program was recently implemented within the Child Care and Head Start departments.

The gardening program teaches children Chickasaw heritage, culture and language by introducing crops grown by Chickasaw ancestors. It provides hands-on opportunities for children to learn how food is produced and how the growing process works.

"This project is a great opportunity to teach the children responsibilities of planting and watering crops," said Child Care director Michelle Key.

The children plant seeds, water and weed the garden daily. They have grown tomatoes, squash and beans and recently planted pumpkins and herbs.

"A larger-scale garden is planned for the spring," said Mrs. Key. "It will include raised planting beds, allowing additional room for more plants and room for the children to work in the garden."

The children will water the new garden with a rain barrel and a small irrigation system. A new crop for spring will include traditional corn - the type grown by Chickasaw ancestors. Tomatoes, beans, squash and herbs will also be planted.

Children at the Ada Child Care Development Center are currently participating in the gardening program and Head Start children will begin this month.

For more information about the Child Care and Head Start departments, call (580) 436-0877 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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‘Living the dream’ on PGA tour

Chickasaw golfer making waves

Chickasaw professional golfer Johnson Wagner is living his childhood dream.

Mr. Wagner, who first picked up a golf club at age five, is now a part of the Professional Golf Association (PGA) tour. And this spring, when he had the opportunity to play in the prestigious Masters, he almost had to pinch himself.

“I think I had goose bumps the entire week,” he said. “Walking that fairway was incredibly surreal.”

In April of 2008, the 28-year-old golfer captured his first tour win with the Shell Houston Open, a tournament previously won by the likes of Vijay Singh and Payne Stewart.

This win produced Mr. Wagner an invitation to the Super Bowl of golf - the Masters. This huge milestone in his professional golf career took place in his home state of Texas, making the win all the sweeter.

“It was awesome to with so many friends and family in attendance,” he said.

It was his father and grandfather, a member of the U.S. Golf Association executive committee, who first exposed the young Chickasaw boy and his brother to the game.

“At first, I think they just did it to keep us out of trouble,” he said.

It was the variety in the sport, Mr. Wagner said, that kept him coming back for more.

“Every game is different,” he said. “Every course, the conditions— it’s always different and I could never get bored.”

After playing throughout high school, he was recruited by the Virginia Tech University golf team. During his senior year of college, he made the decision to become a professional golfer.

He began with the Nationwide Tour in 2005, a PGA developmental tour designed to give up-and-coming golfers the opportunity to play their way onto the “big” tour. Within two years, he qualified for the PGA Tour.

“It was my lifelong dream realized,” he said, “a taste of what I want the rest of my life to be like.”

Now in the off-season, Mr. Wagner plans to continue honing his golfing skills.

“I just want to be a better golfer, the best I can be,” he said.

He and his wife Katie live in Charlotte, N.C., and are expecting their first child in April.

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Chickasaw professional golfer Johnson Wagner recently won his first PGA tour tournament. The victory entitled him to play in the Masters, professional golf’s premiere tournament. Photo courtesy of Golf.com. By Marc Feldman/Getty Images.

‘Oregon Duck’ finds satisfaction as ‘Sooner’ in Chickasaw Honor Guard

Don Joe

Although he is nicknamed “the Oregon Duck,” Chickasaw Honor Guard member Don Joe has found his home among his fellow Honor Guard members in Oklahoma.

Raised in Pilot Rock, Oregon, Mr. Joe is a member of both the Umatilla and Yakima tribes. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force shortly after he graduated high school in 1954.

“I wanted to be like my big brother, who had joined the military,” he said.

After training at Parks Air Force Base in San Francisco, Mr. Joe did a four-year tour working on troop carrying aircrafts.

Near the end of his term, he was stationed in Ardmore, Okla. It was here that he met his future wife, Ruby.

“I met an Oklahoma girl and fell in love,” he said, “so I ended up an Oregon Duck in Sooner country.”

Mr. Joe was soon employed at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Ardmore and worked there for 35 years. He now works for the Chickasaw Nation at the Ardmore Nutrition Center.

He and Ruby are active at the Ardmore Chickasaw Nation Senior Site. It was there where he was tapped to be a member of the Honor Guard.

“I was just in the right place at the right time,” he said.

Mr. Joe says that there isn’t a thing about serving in the Honor Guard that he doesn’t enjoy.

“It lets me do a lot of interesting things and meet a lot of great people,” he said.

“It’s the type of thing I’ve always wanted to do.”

When he’s not working or helping out with the Honor Guard, Mr. Joe plays the guitar and performs at powwows, playing the drums and singing.

Mr. Joe and Ruby still reside in Ardmore and have six children and “a lot” of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Volunteers recognized for exceptional efforts in tribal youth programs

Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family martial arts Instructor Matt Clark, left, presents volunteer Vincent Walters with a certificate of appreciation at the Volunteer Appreciation awards dinner conducted at Lazer Zone last month.

Several hard-working volunteers were recognized for their dedication to youth during the annual Volunteer Appreciation lunch conducted August 23 at Lazer Zone in Ada.

The honored volunteers logged several hours assisting with various camps and programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family.

The group was treated to lunch and play time with their families at Lazer Zone prior to the awards presentation.

Those honored for helping with the martial arts program include Connie Skinner, Greg Skinner, Joe Guzman, Kenny Guzman, Leta Simmer, Sue Clark, Mary Shackelford, Keith Shackelford, Jodon Truelove and Reggie Truelove.

Those honored for helping with the Chickasaw Youth Council through the year include Patricia Marsh, Lisa Bell and Sandra Hickman.

Others recognized for their volunteer efforts include Haskell Alexander, golf camp; Derek Hamilton, baseball camp; Steve Walton, softball camp; Vincent Walters, Camp Survivor; Beverly Brigham and Katherine Asbery, Boys & Girls Club; Victor Smith, baseball camp; Misty Pogue, cultural and softball camp; and Isreal Vasquez, golf camp, Pehlichi Ikbi leadership camp and Chikasha Sayah camp.

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Indian Child Welfare Act reversed decades of loss

1978 set course for cultural sensitivity, compassion for Indian children

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was passed 30 years ago to stop the widespread removal of Native American children to non-Indian homes by state agencies and court systems of the United States. The ICWA still holds strong today as substantial gains have been made over the years allowing more Indian children to be placed in homes that reflect their culture, heritage and traditions as Native Americans.

"The Indian Child Welfare Act is one key to the success of our future as a Nation," Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

"ICWA has allowed us to seek out Chickasaw children in danger of being removed from their homes and offer our full resources to protect their best interests. The ultimate goal is reuniting Chickasaw children with their families."

Indian children - non-Indian homes

In 1978, Congress passed the ICWA in response to reports that showed 25% to 35% and as high as 50% to 75% (in some states) of Indian children had been removed from their families and placed in state custody or foster care homes. Studies further showed that 90% of Indian children removed were being placed in non-Indian homes.

Prior to 1978, statistics from legislative research showed widespread removal of Indian children was occurring before a backdrop of U.S. Supreme Court decisions and legislative closed-door meetings aimed at "Americanizing" Indian children. Many tribal members of the time viewed this as an attempt by the government to smother Indian culture.

New course established

Congress reversed its stance in 1978 declaring, "there is no resource that is more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian tribes than their children…it is the policy of this nation to protect the best interest of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian Tribes and families by the establishment of minimum federal standards for the removal of Indian children from their families and placement of such children in foster or adoptive homes which will reflect the unique values of their Indian culture."

The four types of state child custody proceedings applicable under the ICWA are foster care placement, termination of parental rights, pre-adoptive placement, and adoption placement. ICWA does not apply to custody disputes between biological parents. To qualify in one of the four categories the child must be a member of an Indian tribe or eligible for membership in an Indian tribe and one of the biological parents is a current member of the tribe. In any above mentioned case the tribe must be notified of the court proceeding.

When qualifications under the ICWA guidelines are met, the parent, Indian custodian or Indian tribe of the child may intervene in the state case to seek transfer of the case to the tribal court system. Advantages of transferring a case to tribal jurisdiction is to allow the Indian child's tribe to decide the custody and placement of their biggest asset - tribal children.

Statistics show the percentage of Indian children being placed outside of Indian homes has substantially decreased in the 30 years since ICWA was enacted. This is due largely to tribes becoming more active then ever before in history through the development of stronger tribal governments. Many tribes now have the resources and infrastructure to hear custody cases, house Indian children in tribal custody, and find placement for children in Indian homes that can instill Indian traditions, cultures and values.

Tribe an advocate for the children

The Chickasaw Nation has flourished in recent decades and has treasured the importance of its Chickasaw children. Currently, there are 126 cases with 229 children under tribal authority in the Chickasaw Nation court system.

Angela Conner, Chickasaw Nation Family Advocacy director, said, "We are the voice of the children and I believe all children should be with their families. It's important for a Chickasaw child to know his culture, traditions and family in the Chickasaw community. We have a passion and calling for the children along with a vested interest in our Chickasaw children, and that's why we are here!"

ICWA is federally-mandated to be enforced. However, to reach the full potential legislators envisioned in 1978, tribes believe enforcement must be regulated by penalties at law for the inaction of courts and agencies that fail to comply with the standards set forth in federal law. Federal regulation would make sure that ICWA standards are enforced in every case, and not just selective cases.

"We want the state to know we are actively involved and know what is occurring at all time with our children," Conner said. "We proactively seek out cases and our social workers are held accountable above and beyond that of state requirements to meet and report on all cases to the Chickasaw Nation."

Tribal Division of Youth and Family Services

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services provides children with court-appointed legal representation, expert testimony, 24-hour social workers, foster care, adoption services, family preservation and reunification programs, prevention and intervention programs, and temporary housing, among many other services.

To contact the Department of Family Advocacy for information on programs and services concerning ICWA, call (580) 272-5550 or visit department offices located in the Youth and Family Services building at 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, Okla.

Other offices are also available in Tishomingo, Duncan, Purcell, Ardmore and Oklahoma City.

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Young Chickasaw artists featured at Jacobson House

"River Woman 'Abook Ihoo'," is a sculpture by young Chickasaw artist Cherokee Durant. The sculpture was featured, along with the work of several other young Chickasaw artists, at the Jacobson House Native Art Center in Norman, Okla.

NORMAN, Okla. - Several young Chickasaw artists had the opportunity to display their talents, plus the culture and history of their tribe, at the Jacobson House Native Art Center in Norman.

"Keepers of the Flame: A Young Chickasaw Artist Showcase," was organized by guest curator Amanda Shackleford, 17, to feature fellow young Chickasaw artists.

"This is my first time as curator of an art show," she said. "It's been exciting and we hope to make it an annual thing."

Amanda spent the last four summers working at the Jacobson House and was asked by director Russ Tall Chief to arrange the show.

"We put in a lot of different styles and I think it turned out great," Amanda, whose artwork is also included in the show, said.

Pieces in the exhibit ranged from anime to traditional beadwork and included themes rooted in Chickasaw legend.

For example, 16-year-old Cherokee Durant used various media to create her sculpture "River Woman 'Abook Ihoo'." The sculpture is a representation of the river woman who, according to Chickasaw legend, gave birth to Turner Falls. The waterfall near Davis, Okla., is an important site in the history of the Chickasaw people.

Other artists included in the show were Courtney Parchcorn, Joel Hamdy, Betsy Barbour, Brendan Anoatubby, Cheyenne Durant, Cherokee Durant, Skye Shackleford, Brooke Shackleford, Katy Shackleford and Dale Shackleford.

The Jacobson House Native Art Center is located on the northwest corner of the University of Oklahoma campus at 609 Chautauqua Avenue.

Jacobson House, built in 1915, was home of Oscar Jacobson, former director of the OU Art department and advocate for Native American artists.

For more information on the Jacobson House Native Art Center or the "Keepers of the Flame: A Young Chickasaw Artist Showcase," call (405) 366-1667.

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Group nominated in two categories

Indian band 'Injunuity' up for Native American Music Awards recognition

"Injunuity," a Native American rock band with Chickasaw ties, has been nominated for three prestigious national awards.

The Ada-based band is nominated for Native American Music Awards (NAMMYS) for "Debut Group of the Year" and "Best Instrumental Recording."

"We want you all to check out all the bands and performers who were nominated and help the best win by casting your vote," said Injunuity band member and Chickasaw Jeff Carpenter.

Public voting is now open for the NAMMY award at www.votenative.com. Once registered to the NAMA website, voters can listen to the nominees and vote for their favorite artists in several categories.

Public voting began last month and will continue until Oct. 4. Award winners are selected by a combined vote by the NAMA national membership and the general public.

The 10th annual NAMMY award winners will be announced in Seneca, N.Y., Oct. 4.

"Injunuity" band members Brad Clonch, Jeff Carpenter, James Monroe, Robbie Blair and Ashton Booth have created a unique sound which features native flute, keyboards and alto saxophone.

Injunuity is nominated for its EP "Unconquered," which was recorded last year.

The band, formed in 2007, primarily composes its own songs which are described as a "combination of traditional and modern themes."

The group received worldwide exposure when it was recently featured on the XM satellite radio station channel 76 "Fine Tuning."

For more information about Injunuity, visit www.injunuity.net.

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Injunuity band members Brad Clonch, right, and Jeff Carpenter during a recent performance. The Ada-based band is in consideration for a Native American Music Award (NAMMY).

Leadership program offers exceptional opportunities to students age 14 to 18

A new leadership program developed by the Chickasaw Nation will give students the opportunity to learn directly from elected officials and other leaders at the tribal, state and federal level.

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Leadership Chickasaw) provides students ages 14 to 18 the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., the Oklahoma state capitol and headquarters of various tribes.

"This program will provide students important information and insight which will help them excel as leaders of tomorrow," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

During the 12-month program, members will gain first-hand knowledge of ways leaders deal with a wide variety of topics and issues that affect their lives.

Members will also learn about different Native American cultures and vital life skills which will help them grow and become resourceful young adults.

Students will learn powerful communication skills, dynamic presentation skills, conflict resolution and successful ways to lead an organization.

Chickasaw language, culture and heritage will be an integral part of the curriculum.

Students will also gain first-hand experience as leaders as they initiate and complete a community service project.

The group will meet on the second Saturday of every month for 12 months from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with guest speakers, lessons and lunch provided.

The initial kick-off meeting was conducted Sept. 27 in Ada.

To be a member of the group, students will be required to maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or better. To remain in good standing, members will have to attend a minimum of 75 percent of all regular meetings, fundraisers and service projects.

Eligibility for the Washington, D.C. trip will require students to participate in 100 percent of all regular meetings, fundraisers and service projects.

For more information about the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Ms. Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.

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Children's Choir auditions set for Chickasaw Nation towns in October

Chickasaws and other youth, ages eight to 18, are invited to join the 2008-2009 Chickasaw Children's Choir and the Chickasaw Youth Choir.

Enrollment is open for this year's choir and rehearsals are scheduled to begin soon, immediately following Fall Break in October.

"I would like this choir to provide a musical experience that the kids may not have the opportunity to experience at school," said Phillip Berryhill, conductor.

This year, rehearsals will be expanded to include Ada, Sulphur, Ardmore, Achille and Duncan. Mr. Berryhill will conduct practices on different evenings of the week for each city, with a combined rehearsal for all choir members once each month.

Children and youth may join one of two performance choirs this year: Children's Choir, ages eight to 12, or Youth Choir, for students ages 13 through 18. Children as young as age seven have the opportunity to audition for the Children's Choir and youth 12 years old may audition for the Youth Choir. Eight- to 18-year-olds need only to attend rehearsals to be a part of each choir.

Sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, the Chickasaw Children's Choir performs original music, both traditional and contemporary songs, including songs translated into the Chickasaw language. Choir members develop their voices in strength and pitch and tonal quality. They will also gain experience in music theory and the art of performance before an audience.

Past choirs have traveled across Oklahoma, performing in venues such as the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Inauguration Party, the Capitol Building in Oklahoma City, and the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

For more information, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520, or email Phillip Berryhill at phillip.berryhill@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw 'Holiday Fun Day' set for October 18 at ECU Ballroom

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and the Chickasaw Language Club is kicking off the holiday season by hosting a Chickasaw Holiday Fun Day.

The Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club will celebrate the upcoming holiday season with Chickasaw Holiday Fun Day from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, October 18 at the East Central University Ballroom in Ada.

During Chickasaw Holiday Fun Day, children will learn Chickasaw words related to the upcoming holidays and participate in exciting activities such as making cards and learning new holiday recipes.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life. Each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

Club meetings are one Saturday each month and open to all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language. To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Teresa McDonald at (580) 272-5310, teresa.mcdonald@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/cca.

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After School Program starts Oct. 27

The After School Activity program, sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family, kicks off Monday, Oct. 27.

During the six-week program, students ages seven to 13 will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities and learn new skills which promote health and good nutrition.

The hours are 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Application deadline is Oct. 22 and admittance is based in first come, first serve basis for Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees' children.

For more information, contact Chris Alford at 580-272-5551 or email at chris.alford@chickasaw.net.

Two routes now available

Road to Work program saves riders time, money, gas

Road to Work program manager Rick Miller, left, and Chickasaw Nation Transportation Services Director Angie Gilliam, right, present Kay West a gift card for riding the Road to Work shuttle more than 100 times. Mrs. West and her husband Ron, who both work for the tribe, ride the shuttle from Tupelo to Ada each day.

Ron and Kay West have found the secret to saving on gas and to limiting wear and tear on their vehicle.

The Tupleo, Okla., couple got on board with "Road to Work" in June and has taken the 20-mile route more than 100 times in three short months.

They have spent about $330 on fares, but Mrs. West estimates the family has saved thousands in gas and maintenance fees.

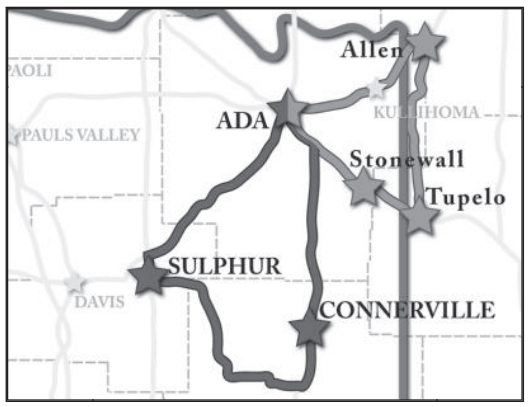
Mr. West, a non-Chickasaw, pays $2 each way and Mrs. West pays $1 for their commute to work.

Mrs. West works in the tribal Transportation Services Department and spends her day behind the wheel.

"I drive for a living and it feels good to let someone else do the driving, plus I am never late for work," she said. "It also saves wear and tear on my car. I wish they would have started this program years ago."

Mr. West works in the tribal print shop.

Since early June, he has ridden the shuttle 116 times. His wife has ridden 101 times,



which is the first time any rider has broken the century mark. To commemorate the occasion, the couple received a gift card to an Ada restaurant and will be escorted by shuttle bus to their destination.

Shuttle busses run each weekday from Ada. The east route has stops in Allen, Tupelo and Stonewall, and the south route picks up riders in Connerville and Sulphur.

Buses currently begin picking up riders at 5 p.m. each day for the trip home after work.

Road to Work is open to anyone. Riders are transported to their job sites, including Pre-Paid Legal and the downtown area, said program manager Rick Miller.

College students are also given a ride to class.

Riders should call between 10 a.m. and noon to reserve a seat for the following day. Exact change is required.

For information, to reserve a seat, or to request service in your area, call 1-800-492-2115.

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Elders help youth understand importance of plants

Chickasaw ethnobotanist connects people, traditional plants

To describe Steven Bond's position as "unique" would be a huge understatement.

Mr. Bond, 29, is an ethnobotonist with the Chickasaw Nation's Division of History and Culture.

In this position, he serves as a conduit between the past and the future.

Mr. Bond works with Chickasaw citizens of all ages, as well as the general public, in education efforts about the tribe, its culture and the way the tribe is connected to plants.

"My position is pretty unique," he said. "I am here to facilitate passing on the knowledge; to bring the knowledgeable people together with the citizens who want to know more about Southeastern culture."

A trained ecologist, botanist and biologist, as well as a Chickasaw citizen, Mr. Bond studies the connection between flora and humans, and how the tribe is bound with plants in all areas of life, including food, shelter and medicine.

Many people met Mr. Bond during the summer months either at youth camps or at other tribal events.

During this year's Chikashsha Reunion, Mr. Bond offered traditional foods to citizens, including corns, beans, squash, hashi hakksih "sun root" potato sunflower, raisins and dried tomatoes.

He also taught children at Camp Chikasha Sayah how to make salsa made from squash, onions and tomatoes.

He also utilizes his large home garden north of Ada as living classroom for tribal youth.

In the garden, lessons in country living, traditional ways, Chickasaw language and the art of gardening are taught.

"A garden would have been a major part of our food, and if you are not introduced to gardening as a child, you may not continue it as an adult," he said.

> ***"My job is to document our relationship with nature."***
> - Steven Bond

Children take the seeds and learn about not just growing food, but life lessons, including hard work and perseverance.

Chickasaw Nation ethnobotonist Steven Bond shucks an ear of corn.

"The act of farming is just as much Chickasaw as what we grow," he said. "What is Chickasaw is to embrace change and use it as efficiently as possible, and maintain our unique perspective and honor our relationship with nature."

Mr. Bond also serves as a conduit for cultural learning between the elders and the youth.

"Elders remember things like making flour and sour corn, and elders also know what plants can be eaten," he said. "In fact, every person pre-contact would have known what was edible and what was not."

Elders remember things like making flour and sour corn, and Bond serves as a mediator between the elders and the youth to preserve the culture.

He also works to preserve the knowledge of medicinal plants.

"If we don't know what the plants are, we can't protect them," he said. "I am also out there to document from a scientific perspective these things that may have been left out."

Knowledge of all types of flora is needed, Mr. Bond said, as the tribe acquires new land. Many of the species we have in the modern Chickasaw Nation, such as river cane, we would have had in our homelands.

"We are a federal government and we need to know what plants we need to protect," he said.

Plants have many other uses that food, such as for firewood, construction and weapons.

"These are all connections to the environment that need to be documented," he said.

These connections, he said, must be maintained in order to make progressive changes.

"Change is reflected in our culture and language," he said. "We don't have to live like our ancestors did to be Chickasaw. Any culture that doesn't change and embrace new ideas is a dead culture."

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

One of '50 Making a Difference'

Tribal administrator 'Woman of the Year' honoree

For the second consecutive year, Robyn Elliott was honored as a finalist for "Woman of the Year" in Oklahoma.

Ms. Elliott, a Chickasaw and administrator of the tribe's Division of Communications, was recognized as one of the 2008 "50 Making a Difference" during award ceremonies September 25 in Oklahoma City.

The program is sponsored by the Oklahoma City *Journal Record,* a business, legislative and legal newspaper established in 1903.

"Robyn is committed to serving the Chickasaw Nation and the state of Oklahoma as well," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "She is a vital part of our organization and the community. Her successful leadership style is a driving force of positive change."

Honorees include women from diverse career fields including education, health care and government.

Ms. Elliott began her career with the Chickasaw Nation in 2002 as director of Public Affairs. She was appointed administrator of the newly created Division of Communications in 2004.

As administrator of the Division of Communications, Ms. Elliott coordinates activities of several departments, including multimedia, media relations, special services, public affairs and *the Chickasaw Times*.

While she maintains a hectic schedule, she places a strong emphasis on maintaining strong family relationships.

"From my family, I have learned faith in God, the importance of honor, integrity, respect for others and the value of hard work and perseverance," said Ms. Elliott. "It was not always easy for my family. Now, I am able to really appreciate and recognize the sacrifices that my parents made for my siblings and myself and the lessons we learned form them. I wouldn't trade anything for that life education."

ROBYN ELLIOTT

Ms. Elliott earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from East Central University, where she was named Outstanding Marketing Student in 2001. She was also a National Award Recipient from the Direct Marketing Institute. She is currently working towards a master's degree in Psychology.

She is a 2005 graduate of Leadership Oklahoma, and now volunteers on the organization's program planning committee.

Her professional affiliations include membership in the Oklahoma Heritage Association, Lion's Club, Girl Scouts of the USA, Oklahoma Academy Public Relations Society of America. Ms. Elliott also serves as a board member for the Ada Chamber of Commerce and the East Central University Alumni Association.

She also participates in many civic organizations, including the Ada Arts Council, Arts District of Ada, Ada Jobs Foundation, Youth Leadership Oklahoma and Creative Oklahoma.

Ms. Elliott is married to Wayne Scribner, an administrator with the Chickasaw Nation.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Honor Guard performs well at American Legion

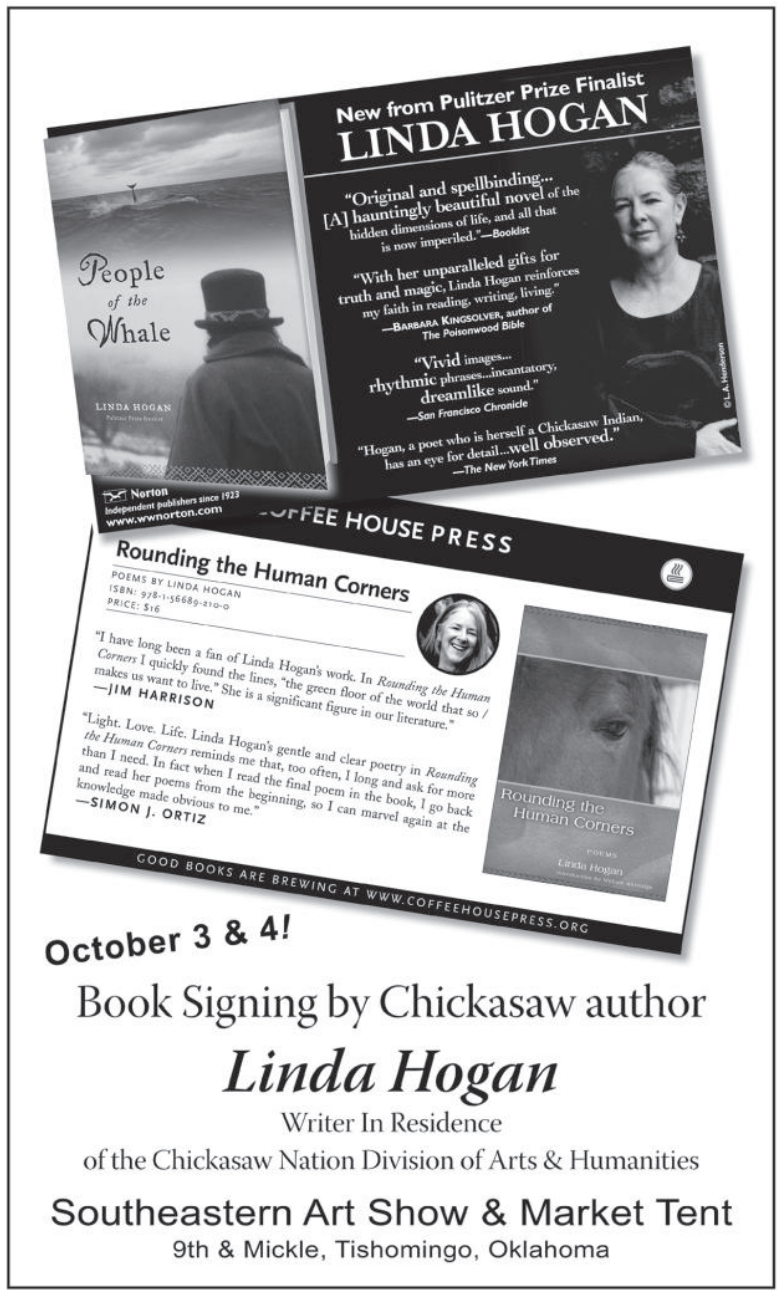
Members of the Honor Guard in attendance were from left, Jim Amerson, American Legion Commander Oklahoma City, Will Johnson, Charles McNeely, Mike Reed, Roy Worcester, Bernie Seeley and Ted Underwood.

On August 24, members of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard traveled to Phoenix to attend the American Legion National Convention.

At the convention, the Honor Guard led the Oklahoma delegation in the Parade of States.

The Honor Guard was asked to represent the state of Oklahoma in the Honor Guard competition. After competing with the other state color guards, the Chickasaw Honor Guard received third place in the national competition.

They have been invited to return to next year's National Convention, which will be in Louisville, Kentucky.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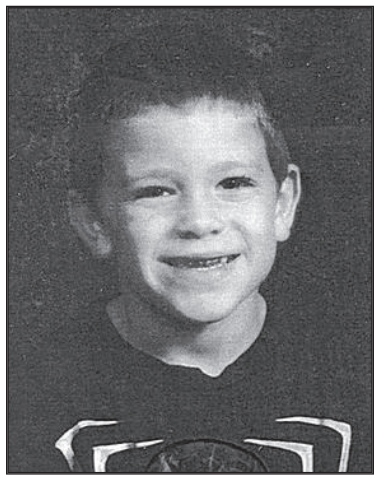
Birthdays

Cherish Woodward

Joined by family and friends **Cherish Woodward** celebrated her first birthday Aug. 3, 2008, with a "Princess" theme party at the Chickasaw Community Center, Ada, Okla.

Cherish is the daughter of Calem and Latisha Woodward.

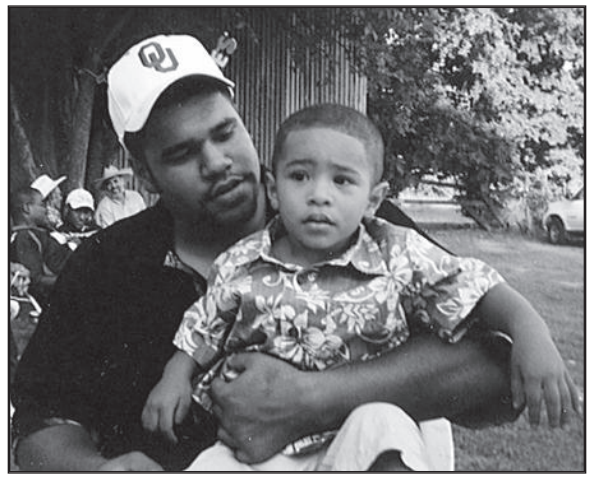


Andrew Resto

Andrew Lewis Resto will celebrate his sixth birthday, Oct. 11.

I love you, you are the best son ever! Happy Birthday.

Love,
Dad
(Bartolo Resto)



Brandon Miles with his Dad, Brandon Douglas.

Brandon Miles celebrated his second birthday Sept. 10. 2008 with a "Spider Man" and other Nickelodeon characters theme backyard party at his home in Madill, Okla. The cake was decorated with various Hot Wheel cars.

Brandon is the son of Brandon D. Douglas and Sandra Trevino, of Madill, Okla. He is the sister of Bianca, 8.

He is the grandson of Salvador and Rogelia Trevino, of Madill, Wendy Douglas, of Ardmore, Okla., and Roderick and Tammy Douglas, of Milo, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Miles and Alma Douglas, Milo.

Brandon is the great-great-great-grandson of original enrollee, Mattie McGee Anderson.

His great-grandfather, Miles Douglas, and grandfather, Roderick Douglas, both of Milo, and father, Brandon Douglas, of Madill, are all Chickasaw citizens.

We love you Chico.

Great aunts and great uncles,

Vicki, Ray, June, KK, James, Norma, David, Craig, Kelia, Chris, Aunt Kelce, Grandpa, Great-grandpa Miles and Great-grandma Alma Douglas.

Births

Brayden Webb

Bryan and Courtnie Webb of Norman, Okla., welcomed the birth of their first born son, **Brayden Christopher**. Brayden was born 3:12 p.m., June 7, 2008 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada. He weighed 7 lbs., 13.4 oz., and measured 20.6 inches at birth.

Paternal grandparents are Susan Webb and Anthony Webb, of Tishomingo, Okla. Paternal great-grandparents are Gloria Webb and Dr. F.E. and Patricia Webb, of Tishomingo. Maternal grandparents are Rusty and Carrie Boden, of Arlington, Texas. Maternal great-grandparents are Coy and Bobbie Brown, Texas.

Brayden is a descendant of original enrollee Henry Fillmore. His father Bryan works at the Chickasaw Gaming Center in Newcastle, Okla., and both parents attend the University of Oklahoma.

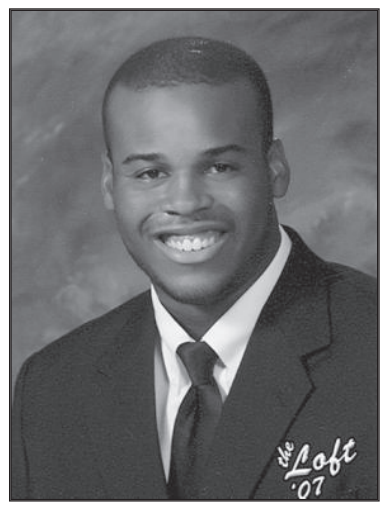
Kendal McCarty

Kendal Raquel McCarty was born June 29, 2008 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. She weighed 8 lbs., 11.9 oz., and measured 20.2 inches at birth.

Kendal is the daughter of Jordin McCarty and Kimberly Johnson, of Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Sim and Thelma McCarty, of Hominy, Okla., Jimmie and Lena Johnson, of Holdenville, Okla., Bessie Ahhaitty and the late Rev. Rueben Ahhaitty, of Anadarko, Okla., Richmond and Mary Cully, of Vamoosa, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Floyd Johnson, of Holdenville, Vernie Cully of Wewoka, Okla., Shawn McCarty, of Tulsa, and Cindy and Russell Satoe, of Bristow, Okla.



Brian Booker

Brian Booker is a 2007 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. He is the son of Joe and Delita Brown Booker, and the grandson of Charles and Lizzie Brown, and Milo Emma Booker, all of Ardmore. He is the brother of Joe III and Chris.

Brian was an All-Conference member, All-State Football and Coaches All-State team, All-District Offensive Player of the Year, All-Area team member, 2003 state semifinalist, 2004 state playoffs, 2005 district champs and state semifinalist, 2006 state playoffs, 5A All-State and Oklahoma-Texas Oil Bowl 2007.

His basketball honors include: All Area Super Team, 2005 state semifinalist, 2006 regional champions, 2006 All-Conference, 2007 regional champions, 2007 Super Team, and OSSAA All-State 2007.

He is a member of Sunrise Baptist Church serving as a deacon and a choir member.

He is currently a sophomore at Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Miami.

Brian celebrated his 20th birthday September 26.

Happy Birthday Brian!

Love,
Your family

Kidney Walk Team

The Sayimmi (I Believe) Kidney Walk Team participated in the National Kidney Foundation Walk, Sept. 20, 2008 at Fort Worth, Texas in celebration of Melissa Morgan's one-year kidney transplant anniversary. Sayimmi walkers included Mrs. Morgan's family, front row from left, Vicky Gold (Melissa's kidney donor), Garrett Morgan, Melissa Morgan and Rachael Collins. Back row from left, Billy the Kidney NKF mascot, Marcus Tartsah, Bill Gold, Scott Morgan, Leta Hayes and Buddy Tartsah.

Colbert descendants gather for reunion in homelands area

The 2008 Colbert Reunion conducted in Tuscumbia, Ala., represented descendants of George Colbert, Levi Colbert and Winchester Colbert. Back row from left, Alan Moore, William Thorp, Donald Johnson, Robert Perry, Kenneth Smith and Harold Smith. Middle row from left, Reed Kirkland, Linda Green, Virginia Smith, LaDale Gautney, Lanny North and Laurel Turley. Front row Anna Flagler.

Colbert descendants Bob Perry and Laurel Turley lead walkers through Tuscumbia, Alabama during the "Walk of Life," conducted in association with the Oka Kapassa Festival in Tuscumbia.

Meeting 'Big Papi'

From left, Amy Havern, Justin Havern, Blake Havern, Boston Red Sox player David "Big Papi" Ortiz, Logan Havern and Chris Havern.

Chickasaw Logan Havern, of Collierville, Tenn., was the grand prize winner in the Backyard Baseball "Meet Big Papi" Sweepstakes sponsored by backyardsports.com - Humongous Inc.

Logan won a weekend trip to Boston to meet David "Big Papi" Ortiz and to attend a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park. The Havern family was picked up in a limo from their hotel and had the opportunity to go watch batting practice and warm-ups before the Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays game on September 12.

The Red Sox are the 2007 World Series Champions.

Arkansan receives MBA

Jill Dearmore-DeMoss

Jill Dearmore-DeMoss is a 2008 graduate from the University of Phoenix, Rogers, Ark. She received her master of business administration degree. In 2002 she received a bachelor of science degree in human development from the University of Arkansas.

Mrs. Dearmore-DeMoss is married to Rudy DeMoss. The couple has three sons, Rusty, Dusty and the late Smoky DeMoss, and one daughter, Nicole Martin.

Chickasaws in Iraq

Six Chickasaw soldiers proudly fly the Chickasaw flag Sept. 11 at their base in Iraq. From left are Ronnie Sides, Franklin Pursville Jr., Franklin Pursville Sr., Mike Mitchell and Jay Mitchell.

Hart, Wallace to wed at Bromide

Ashley Hart and Jeremy Wallace

Ashley Renee Hart and Jeremy Wayne Wallace will exchange wedding vows Saturday, October 25, 2008 at Camp Simpson, Bromide, Okla.

The bride is the daughter of Gerald and Rita Hart, of Bromide. She is the granddaughter of the late Gerald "Sippy" Hart, Chickasaw; the late Parl (Lamoni) Hart, Italian; the late James Willis, Choctaw; and the late Greta (Velarde) Willis, Jicarilla Apache.

Miss Hart graduated from East Central (OK) University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2006. She is a 2001 graduate of Wapanucka (OK) High School. She is employed with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services.

The bridegroom is the son of Joe and Hazel Wallace, of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Pauline (Alexander) Walker, Chickasaw; the late Simon Walker, Chickasaw; the late Lemmie Wallace, Mississippi Choctaw; and the late Nora Wallace, Mississippi Choctaw.

Jeremy studied management information systems at East Central University. He is a graduate of Ada (OK) High School. He is employed with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

The ceremony will honor the many Nations of our family and friends. Brother Charlie Carter will officiate in the Chickasaw language.

The couple are active members of the Chickasaw Dance Troupe and the master/apprentice program. Their language master is their grandmother, Pauline Walker.

The couple will make their home in Ada.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

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Lance Corporal Christian E. Williams, U.S.M.C., receives his insignia from his wife, Tamra Shackleford Williams.

Williams receives promotion

A Chickasaw Marine has recently received a promotion.

Christian E. Williams, 19, of Stonewall, Okla., has been promoted to the rank of lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Lance Corporal Williams is stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

His wife, Tamra Shackleford Williams, presented her husband his pin during the ceremony. The Williams' live on the base.

Lance Corporal Williams is the son of Marilyn Coltz and Quintin Williams. He is the stepson of Kerry Everett. He is the grandson of Floyd and Elizabeth Williams and the late Larry and Nancy Coltz.

Congratulations to Lance Corporal Christian Williams for making us so proud.

Five generations

From left, Salvador Trevino, Roderick Douglas, Brandon Miles, Miles Douglas and Brandon Douglas (standing).

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Chickasaw student named National Merit semi-finalist

Chelsea Burris

A Chickasaw high school student has recently been named a National Merit Scholar semi-finalist.

Eufaula (OK) High School senior Chelsea Burris achieved the semi-finalist designation by achieving one of the state's highest scores on the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. She is one of only 16,000 U.S. students named semi-finalists. More than 1.5 million U.S. high school juniors took the test.

Chelsea will now compete to become a National Merit Scholar finalist. Should she achieve that level, she will be among 8,200 students eligible for over $35 million in total scholarships.

National Merit Scholar semi-finalists and finalists traditionally receive scholarship and grant offers to attend the country's best colleges and universities.

In addition to her academics, Chelsea plays trombone in the Eufaula High School band. She has qualified for both all-district and all-state bands. She is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as president of the Muskogee County 4-H.

Chelsea is the daughter of Randy and Robyn Burris, of Eufaula.

Chickasaw student meets pop band the Jonas Brothers

Chickasaw student Ariana Seidel is pictured with the Jonas Brothers before their performance on September 2 at Pennsylvania State University.

On September 2, Chickasaw student Ariana Seidel had the opportunity to meet the Jonas Brothers – a popular pop-rock band from Wyckoff, N.J.

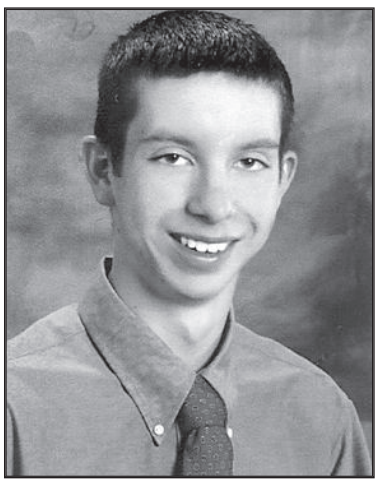
Ms. Seidel met the band before its performance at the Bryce Jordan Center on the Pennsylvania State University campus in University Park, Pennsylvania.

Ms. Seidel recently completed an internship through the Chickasaw Nation Education Division. She served as an intern at the Pushmataha House for Ambassador Charles Blackwell in Washington, D.C., where she gained valuable experience working with senators and tribal leaders and learning more about the legislative process.

Ms. Seidel is a sophomore journalism and political science double-major at Penn State and a 2007 Chickasaw Nation Lifetime Scholarship recipient.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

OSU student completes sports film internship



Graham Tewell

A Chickasaw and Oklahoma State University honor student has recently completed an internship with well-known sports film entity.

Graham Tewell, an OSU senior majoring in sports media broadcasting, completed a three-month stint with NFL Films in Mount Laurel, N.J. NFL Films is familiar to fans of the National Football League. The company began in 1964 to film NFL games and match the film with sound, cinematography, music and storytelling that has made the productions unique and immediately identifiable.

Each football season the NFL Films studio produces and distributes more than 2,500 hours of new NFL programming for NFL Network, broadcast and cable networks, NFL.com, home videos, cds and dvds.

Mr. Tewell was most interested in production and worked closely with senior editors and producers on studio and remote location filming. He also assisted with research for weekly series, non-linear editing on AVID software and cataloging archival footage from the film vault.

He also participated in the initial planning phase for a new television series, "Top 11." This series will feature the top 11 story lines each week of the football season.

During his internship, Mr. Tewell met NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and Fox Network sports anchor James Brown.

Mr. Tewell is a member of the OSU Native American Club and Sports Media Club. He is an honor student and received the four-year OSU Award for Excellence Scholarship.

He participates in flag football and basketball intramurals at OSU.

He is the son of Dennis and Sue Tewell, of Stillwater, Okla.

Poster contest winner

Sulphur (OK) Elementary School third-grader Megan Guthrie submitted the first-place entry in the Sulphur Rotary Club March of Dimes poster contest. Megan, a Chickasaw, will see her work hung in the halls of Children's Hospital, Oklahoma City, in December. This marks the fourth consective year a Chickasaw student won the benefit poster contest.

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Chickasaw attorney leads State Department environmental workshop

Janie Simms Hipp

A Chickasaw attorney has recently participated in an environmental workshop that was part of the Middle East peace process.

Janie Simms Hipp served as lead instructor of the workshop, which was conducted in Istanbul, Turkey. The workshop, "Air Pollution Law: Encouraging Environmental Compliance Through Incentive and Education," was sponsored by the U.S. State Department and the Foreign Agriculture Service.

Workshop attendees were environmental professionals from Israel, Palestine and Jordan. The attendees heard overviews of laws, regulations, economic incentives and scientific modeling. The workshop focused on identifying issues of mutual concern which could lead to cooperative efforts regarding air pollution.

Ms. Hipp is an agricultural lawyer with several decades of experience in land use law, agricultural production law and environmental law. She currently serves as national program leader in the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperative state research, education and extension service.

She is scheduled to speak at the upcoming American Agricultural Law Association on the subject "The Lifecycle Carbon Footprint of Biofuels: How Carbon May Generate Producer Profit or Liability."

Ms. Hipp's grandmother was original enrollee Irene Spencer Simms.

Tulsa student named National Merit semi-finalist

Hannah Landreth

A Tulsa Chickasaw high school student has recently been named a National Merit Scholar semi-finalist.

Hannah Landreth, a senior at Jenks (OK) High School, is one of 16,000 National Merit semi-finalists named last month. More than 1.5 million U.S. high school juniors took the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

Hannah has maintained a 4.0 grade point average at Jenks while taking a full schedule of advanced placement classes.

She is also a member of the Jenks High School swim team, which won the Oklahoma state championship last year. Hannah has been a competitive swimmer since age six, and was nominated this year for the Wendy's High School Heisman award for outstanding high school athletes.

She is active in student council and has volunteered to serve as a committee chair for the upcoming state student council convention in Jenks. Hannah is a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Hannah is named for her Chickasaw great-grandmother, the late Hannah Imatubby, of Blue, Okla. Her grandfather, Dewey Landreth, was raised on Hannah Imatubby's allotment outside Wilson, Oklahoma.

Hannah is the daughter of Lloyd and Barb Landreth, of Tulsa.

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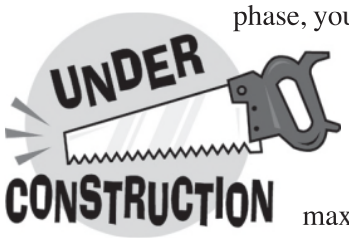
REFINANCING: Did you know CNDHTD can loan up to 90% of the appraised value on your home? Closing costs may be rolled into the loan, if the appraisal is high enough. Appraisal fee must be paid up front.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building? If you have been approved for your 30 year permanent financing through Chuka Chukmasi, CNDHTD can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. Interim construction is available only in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate is 5% and the term 6-9 months. During the construction phase, you will be required to make monthly interest payments on drawn borrowed funds. You will pay minimal closing costs on the construction loan at closing. Please call for further information.



HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS: Do you want to make needed improvements? CNDHTD may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is $30,000.00. The interest rate is fixed at 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage on the home. Home must be your primary residence. You must pay closing costs at closing. This loan is available only in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a contractor. Call for additional details.

GRANT FUNDS: Do you need help with down payment and closing costs? Chickasaw citizens may receive up to $3,00.00 to assist with down payment and/or closing costs when purchasing a home. You must be pre-approved thru the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program at CNDHTD for your financing. Refinances are not eligible to receive these funds. This is a one time grant. Call for more information.

EMPLOYER ASSISTED HOUSIING: Employees of the Chickasaw Nation are eligible to apply for the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program thru CNDHTD. You must be pre-approved for your permanent financing through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program. Employees may receive down payment and/or closing cost assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan.

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Focus on health, sharing, support

'Mommy Milk Group' offers techniques to promote breastfeeding

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program strives to help all moms meet their breastfeeding goals. Each WIC clinic has its own breastfeeding peer counselor. The peer counselor and WIC staff work together in order to offer clients a program called "Mommy Milk Group." These group gatherings are conducted on a monthly or bi-monthly basis in the WIC clinics.

The Mommy Milk Groups provide a wonderful opportunity to get together with other moms and share the joys of breastfeeding, and discuss any questions with their peer counselor or WIC staff. Most moms who attend utilize the time to gain information they feel is beneficial to their families.

The WIC breastfeeding peer counselors are available in all WIC clinics to offer information, support and encouragement to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. The counselors have been specially trained to counsel and assist moms with the basics of breastfeeding.

The Chickasaw Nation also has two International Board Certified Lactation Consultants on staff to assist in complex breastfeeding situations. The goal of the breastfeeding peer counselor program is to provide every mother all the necessary information to make an informed choice on feeding her baby.

For more information on the WIC program or for assistance with any infant feeding questions, please call 800-436-7255 or 580-310-6420.

The Mommy Milk Group meets to discuss breastfeeding issues.

You have help controlling your diabetes

Martha Eck checks Yvette Ryan's blood sugar during the Special Diabetes Prevention Program Screening at the Diabetes Care Center conducted September 11.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), American Indians and Alaska Natives are more than twice as likely to have diabetes when compared to the total American population.

Type 2 diabetes usually begins as insulin resistance, a condition in which the body's cells do not use insulin properly. Type 2 diabetes accounts for 90% to 95% of all cases of diabetes. Studies have proven that type 2 diabetes can be delayed or prevented by moderate lifestyle changes, including eating healthier and incorporating exercise into your daily routine.

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center staff is available to answer any questions or concerns you may have about diabetes. The Diabetes Care Center offers many programs, such as the Special Diabetes Prevention Program, to educate patients on diabetes and preventative measures.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center or the Special Diabetes Prevention Program, please call (580) 421-4532.

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According to the March of Dimes Organization, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in 1938, in an effort to combat polio and raise awareness about the epidemic. He believed people could solve the problem together. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis officially changed its name to the March of Dimes in 1979. The March of Dimes successfully funded development of vaccines to combat polio. In 1962, an oral polio vaccine was developed by Dr. Albert Sabin with funding from the March of Dimes.

The March of Dimes' efforts against polio, plus the development of vaccines represent the first large-scale, nationwide biomedical initiative led by a charitable organization.

Since 1958, the March of Dimes has funded innovative research and the implementation of programs to save babies from birth defects, premature birth and low birth weight.

According to the March of Dimes, more than 525,000 babies (1 in 8) are born prematurely each year. Premature babies can suffer lifelong challenges including mental retardation, blindness, chronic lung disease and cerebral palsy. Since 1984, the organization has funded at least 200 grants related to low birth weight and prematurity totaling more than $13 million. The March of Dimes funds many areas of research, including genetic research relating to birth defects. The organization also provides parent education and support for families.

The March of Dimes offers the tips below to help women reduce the chance of having a preterm baby.

- Get prenatal care as soon as you think you're pregnant and go to every appointment. Go even if you feel fine. If possible, see your health care provider before you get pregnant.
- If you smoke, stop smoking. It's best to stop before you get pregnant. If you can't stop, try to cut down. Avoid secondhand smoke.
- Don't drink alcohol.
- Talk to your health care provider about prescription medications you are taking.
- If you use drugs or herbal remedies or supplements that are not prescribed by your health care provider, stop using them. It's best to stop before you get pregnant.
- Try to reduce stress. Ask friends and family for help. Rest and relax whenever you can.
- If you're in an abusive relationship, talk to someone. Abuse often gets worse during pregnancy. Do what you need to do to protect yourself and your baby.
- If you feel burning or pain when you urinate, you may have an infection. Call your health care provider.
- Know the signs of preterm labor and what to do if you have any of them.

Many communities across the United States organize fund raisers and events such as Mothers March and March for Babies each year to support the March of Dimes. Several Chickasaw Nation citizens and employees from across the country participate in these events.

To find out how you can participate by donating, volunteering or partnering to support the March of Dimes, visit www.marchofdimes.com.

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

Bone marrow transplant availability low among Indians

Bone marrow transplants are a life-changing treatment for people with leukemia, lymphoma and many other diseases, including aplastic anemia.

Tallie Anderson, 10, was diagnosed with aplastic anemia and has been unable to find a bone marrow donor match. Tallie is a Choctaw citizen. Tallie and her family recently spoke at the Oklahoma state capitol urging Oklahomans to register as bone marrow donors.

According to the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), on any given day, more than 6,000 men, women and children, like Tallie, are searching for lifesaving donors. For many of these patients, a transplant might be the only hope of a cure.

Tissue types are inherited, therefore, patients are more likely to match someone from their own race or ethnicity. The NMDP urges people from the following ethnicities to register as bone marrow donors:

- American Indian and Alaska Native
- African American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic and Latino
- Multiple Race

According to Stacy McLeod, national marrow donor program coordinator for the Oklahoma Blood Institute, about seven million Americans are registered nationally as bone marrow donors, but only about 100,000 of those registered are American Indians. This enables about 80 percent of non-Native Americans on the registry find a match, while only 22 percent of Native Americans are able to find a match.

Registering to donate is easy. It's a painless process that takes just a few minutes. To donate, you must:

- Be between the ages of 18-60
- Fill out a questionnaire
- Do a quick swab on the inside of the mouth (no blood is drawn)

The Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) hosted a bone marrow donor match drive on Friday, September 19 and had a great response. More than 120 people registered to become possible donors at the event.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute is the only place in Oklahoma to register to become a bone marrow donor. For more information on how to register, call (405) 297-5700 or (405) 297-5619. Registry information for other states is available at www.marrow.org.

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- 1 Physician Assistant, Ardmore Clinic

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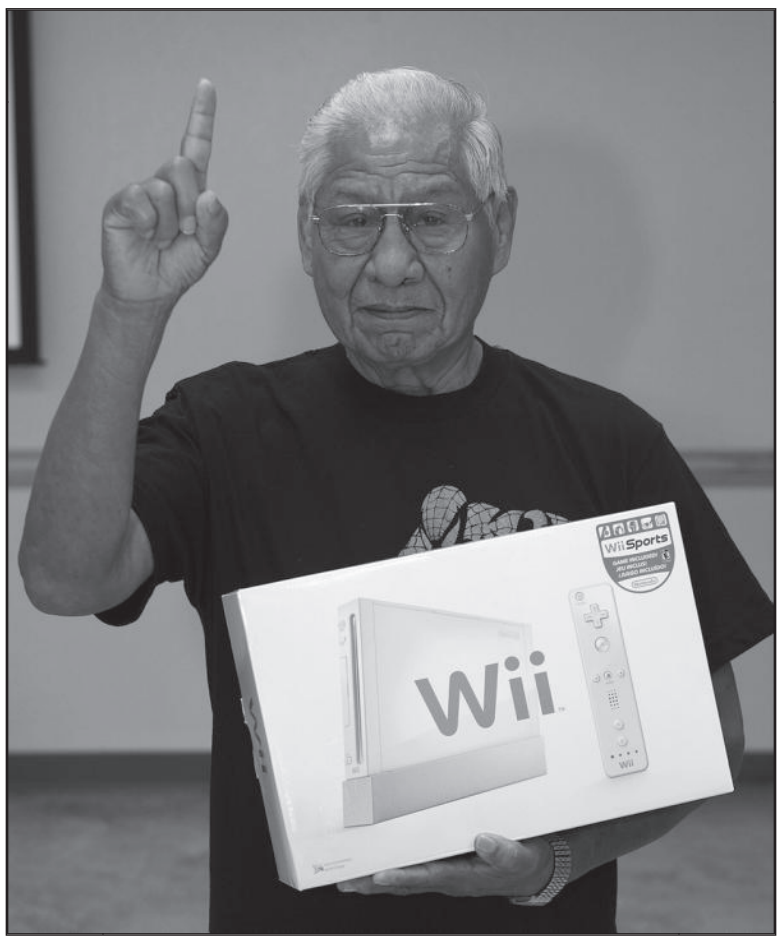
Seniors enjoy Wii bowling tournament competition



Lincoln Meely, of Pauls Valley, was the winner of the senior Wii bowling tournament.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Aging has found a new way to promote healthy and active lifestyles in Senior Center sites with a new Nintendo Wii bowling league.The first ever Wii bowling tournament took place Thu. Sept. 24, at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, in Ada, Okla.

The Chickasaw Nation provided 11 senior sites with a Nintendo Wii for members to practice their virtual bowling skills in a fun active way that is more accessible then taking members to a bowling ally daily. After practicing the sites held mini tournaments to find the best Wii bowler in each site.

The Wii is an interactive home video game console released by Nintendo, featuring a wireless controller. Several physically challenging games including bowling, tennis, and golf are available, as well as traditional video games.

Nine senior sites entered their best Wii bowler in a tournament held at the Community Center in Ada to find out who was the "best of the best." With 50- plus spectators in attendance to watch the Championships, 10 bowlers took the lanes for a fun-filled day of bowling and fellowship to find out who was the top virtual bowler.

"Everyone is having a great time laughing, socializing, and cheering on one another," said Linda Landgraf, Chickasaw Nation activity coordinator. "We wanted to give everyone a great day while promoting an active lifestyle and I think we succeeded."

The day was ended in a closely contested final match between Lincoln Meely, of Pauls Valley, and Melvin Stoner, of Duncan. Mr. Meely took an early lead and never let go as Mr. Stoner came on strong ending with three strikes in the final frame. Mr. Meely took the win scoring a 175 to Mr. Stoner's 158 in the final match and winning the grand prize of a Nintendo Wii.

"If I am able to walk, I'll be here next year," Mr. Meely said. "This is a great event."

All contestants were winners taking home $50 gift cards for participating in the event and a new fun way to live an active lifestyle.

Contributed by Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.

Wii bowling finalists

Doris Sutterfield, Achille.
Bob Horton, Ada.
Joe Roberts, Ardmore.
Lou Norman, Connerville.
Melvin Stoner, Duncan.
Marcie Jones, Madill.
Lincoln Meely, Puals Valley.
Lee Crossley, Purcell.
Bobby Payne, Tishomingo.
Bernita Horton, Ada.

CPASA to host annual meeting on October 7 in Tishomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Citizens for the Protection of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer (CPASA) will host its annual membership meeting on Thursday, October 7 at Pennington Lodge in Tishomingo.

The hot dog dinner will begin at 6 p.m. The dinner is free, but contributions are appreciated. To rsvp for the meal, please call (580) 371-6446 or email cpasa@cpasa.net

The rsvp deadline is October 3.

At 6:30 p.m., the group will present its annual report of activities. This will be followed by the OKA awards and a preview of the new aquifer video.

Pennington Lodge is also known as the old Elks Lodge. At the west end of Main Street in Tishomingo, turn north on Elks Camp Road and continue for approximately one and one-half miles to the "Elks Lodge" sign on the right. Turn right and continue to the lodge entrance.

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Sixteen bridge students on to college, military

Upward Bound students finish summer session with tours

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs completed the final weeks of the summer session this month with out-of-state trips to several destinations.

The sophomore student trip was to San Antonio and included a tour of the Alamo and area museums such as Ripley's Believe It or Not, Buckhorn, Guinness Book of World Records and the wax museum.

Students also enjoyed visits to Sea World and Six Flags/Whitewater Bay and participated in behind-the-scene tours at Sea World to learn about stingrays, sharks and information on saving species. A Rio San Antonio cruise provided a narrative of the San Antonio River history.

The junior student trip was a Chickasaw Homeland tour to Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Activities included visits to the Chickasaw Park, Chucalissa Museum and Mounds and the statue of Chief Piomingo at Tupelo City Hall. Students received Chickasaw language lessons by Ms. JoAnn Ellis while on the bus. A visit to the Natchez Trace Parkway included a ranger-led nature hike. Other activities included a visit to the Graceland mansion, and museum, a Memphis University college tour, Memphis Redbirds baseball game and Wild River Country water park in Arkansas.

The senior and bridge (college) students' combined trip was to North Padre Island/Corpus Christi, Texas. Activities included visits to the Museum of Science & History, South Texas Botanical Gardens, Art Museum of South Texas, a tour of the USS Lexington ship and museum, the Texas State Aquarium, Woody's Dolphin Watch Tour, and tours of Texas A&M University and Delmar College.

Students learned what goes on behind the scenes at The Texas State Aquarium including how the water is filtered and what type of diet each species is fed. The tour ended with a dolphin show.

At the USS Lexington, the group was met by Liz Boyd, a Chickasaw citizen wearing her Chickasaw Gathering t-shirt, who provided information on the museum tours. It was also interesting when the charter bus had to board the ferry to go across the bay at Port Aransas for the dolphin watch tour.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce-Ground Transportation for supplying the charter buses and bus drivers.

Sixteen students completed the bridge component of the program and will be entering college or a branch of the military in the fall. Staff will soon begin visiting target schools to recruit for the upcoming school year.

For more information about the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs, please call (580) 371-9903.

Sophomore Upward Bound students at San Antonio, Texas.

Junior Upward Bound students at the Chucalissa Museum.

Senior Upward Bound students on the deck of the USS Lexington ship and Museum.

Foundation seeks donations of Native American artwork for auction

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction to be held during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 14, 2008. This reception is held annually to recognize our donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year we were able to award the first Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship which was established through proceeds from the art auction. This scholarship is for any college student with a certificate of degree of Indian blood card majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

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OKC Council to hear from Chickasaw Studies director

Oklahoma City Community Council elects new Board from left, Jim Kinney, MaryAnn Lee, and Arthia Bridges Members At Large; Pat Bartmess, Vice Chair, Ruby Horse, Secretary, Linda O'Hagan, Chair and Joe Palmer, Jr., Treasurer.

The Oklahoma City Community Council met for its September meeting and enjoyed an early Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, dressing and many wonderful homemade side dishes, as well as great desserts.

Our speaker Wilson Seawright was introduced by Joanna Gardner. His presentation on Native American role models was interesting, informative and encouraging. We also heard from Erin Chapman with the Chickasaw Nation Foster Child Care Program. Erin gave an interesting presentation and told us about the need for families to become involved with Foster Child Care.

The OKC Community Council meets October 7, at 6 p.m., for dinner and 7 p.m., for its monthly meeting. Our guest speaker will be Joshua Hinson, Director of Chickasaw Studies.

See you there!

Wichita Council previews Trail of Tears exhibit

Saturday, Sept 20 the Wichita Council met at Mid America All Indian Center for some fellowship, food and fun.

We were able to tour the newly renovated museum and were priveliged with a sneak preview of the upcoming Trail of Tears exhibit. Museum Director Chris Dendurant brought in his laptop and shared some of the items to be displayed for us. He then told our group how we could get involved with the museum and explained to us the benefits of museum memberships at different levels. Mr. Dendurant showed us the nice research library available for people to use on site, however it is not a lending library.

The Council seemed delighted with the items for sale in the gift shop and several of our members made purchases.

Lynn Stumblingbear, chairwoman, introduced Michelle Conine (Shawnee, Delaware, Cherokee) to the group. Ms. Conine is the chairwoman of the local NAPAC (Native American Parent Advisory Committee) group. She told us about the functions of the NAPAC and how we could get involved with that organization. She was asked several questions about scholarships available to Native Students and she was able to offer some suggestions and directions. Ms. Conine explained how she'd been involved with the District 259 school system for a long time. She has one son who has graduated and been to Iraq and back. She has another son attending college at Haskell and a daughter attending college at Butler.

Ms. Conine is also the person who will be our guide to making the shell shakers from cans.

We appreciated this woman's helpfulness and her willingness to share knowledge.

The next meeting for the Wichita Council is scheduled for Sunday, October 19. It will be at the Mid America All Indian Center, 650 N. Seneca, at 3 p.m. Come and join us and bring a friend.

Marshall County meeting October 14

Marshall County Chickasaw Council will conduct its regular meeting October 14, 2008 at the Chickasaw Community Center, 1400 Enos Rd., Kingston, Okla.

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Staci Johnston

Topic: Foster Care

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3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Virginia physician's journal

An American's observations on Chickasaw people and society, 1805

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Compiled and edited by Richard Green

Introduction

In the first years after 1800, the Chickasaws faced a critical juncture in their history with new leadership. Americans were encroaching on their land and the United States was demanding payment of individual tribal member's debts to American traders. With about $50,000 owed (more than $1.5 million in today's money) (1), the tribe had no way to repay the debts except by selling a portion of their land. That is precisely why the Americans had extended credit so liberally.

The pro-American chief Piomingo had passed away and the other influential chief, known enigmatically in the documents as Wolf's Friend, was aged and incapacitated. To deal with the Americans, the tribal council selected George Colbert as the first mixed blood Chickasaw to become principal chief. In 1805, he led the Chickasaws who met with the Americans at the principal village of the tribal settlement of Old Town and negotiated the sale of a substantial portion of what is now middle Tennessee north of the Tennessee River.

For that land, the Chickasaws received $20,000 and the debts of individual members were paid. Chief George Colbert and another leader each received $2,000 for services rendered and King Chimabi' (he killed for you) was to receive an annual annuity of $100 for the rest of his life. This Treaty of the Chickasaw Nation, as it was known, was the first of three major land cessions (also 1816 and 1818) made to the Americans which led to Removal to Indian Territory beginning in 1837.

At this important point in 1805 a Virginia doctor named Thomas Nutt was traveling through the southeast at the same time that Lewis and Clark were exploring Louisiana Territory. As he traveled he kept a journal which eventually filled 11 volumes. All of them eventually were lost, but before the last six disappeared, an historian copied excerpts from them, and this distillation is all that remains. Fortunately, some of the excerpts included several entries made by Dr. Nutt as he traveled through the Chickasaw Nation.

Those entries were organized by Jesse Jennings into an article that was published in a 1947 edition of the *Journal of Mississippi History*. (Jennings was the archaeologist who excavated Chickasaw sites in the Tupelo area in advance of the construction of the Natchez Trace Parkway, which today runs from Natchez, Mississippi to Nashville, Tennessee.) I selected and organized the following Thomas Nutt remarks from Jennings' article. He didn't change or correct the excerpts, and neither have I. They appear as they were copied by the historian from Nutt's journals.

Knowing so little about Dr. Nutt, it is difficult to put his observations about the Chickasaws in perspective or to judge their accuracy. On the one hand, there is little reason to believe that he was less ethnocentric or more culturally perceptive than most other white men of the day. But on the other hand, he is one of only a handful of white men up to then who took the time and trouble to write relatively extensively about Indian people and culture.

Chickasaw People

The people of this nation are tall strait in their limbs, & large in size. more so than any of the southern tribes. Fited to undure fatigue, labour or hardships, their hair long & black, coarse & strong. They have no bairds, owing to their plucking it out when it first begins to grow, & continue pulling it as it appears. Colour of their skin a light brown tending to red—most of them mixed with white blood. Paint has greatly fallen into disuse at this day.

The occupation of the men is that of hunting & farming Viz—in the fall & winter season the men hunt & in the sumer attend to the farm & stock. No people exercise more hospitality than the Indians, or with a better will, & live as if all things were in common. to their enemies they are implacable, & conceal their anger & are to appearance reconciled untill an opportunity offers of executing their revenge--; & they spare no pains to do it.

The women have the most laborious part of the labour on themselves, having no mills, they have all their meal to pound. the men mostly labour in the field, the women to the wheel & domestic affairs. The women in this nation have no voice in their councils. I have been surprised to see the weight that an Indian female will carry by a long basket suspended to the back with strops of deerskin extending around the forehead & sometimes the breast. In this way they will carry 200 weight.

Polygamy is here practiced, some men have as many as four women, neither can divorce themselves at pleasure, & the women frequently do it when the men are unable or unwilling to support them. There is very little ceremony in their marriages, the contract is made by the relations of the parties, those of the men making a small present to the relations of the woman, which if accepted makes the marriage contract binding. Their marriages are now fruitfull, since they have settled out on farms, & the men perform the hard labour, & live upon a more strong & healthy diet, the nation has for some years increased, the children appear healthy, not confined to the old towns where diseases became epidemical & fatal.

[The people] are peacible, honest, just, & kind. They do not concern or interrupt their neighbour, they never quarrel, they never tell lies on each other. Never make a mock of each other without he makes a breach of the law & then he makes no resentment but attempts to reform as soon as possible, as he thinks it very disgraceful. If one of them refuse to go to war, he meets with no complosion [compulsion?], but is slighted & mocked. no particular distinction is made among them as to persons. all are equal. No dispute ever arises at any of their public meetings. At their dances there is seldom a word spoken after the ball is opened, which is done by one of the party chosen for the dancing master. If a man misbehaves or gets drunk at such places he is immediately tied & kept so untill he gets sober.

This Nation is divided into four Districts, viz., Pontatock, Ches, ha, ta, lia; Chuc, an, fa, li, ah (or long town), & Big-town (Chuguilisa). In the year 1797 the whole nation was contained (or nearly so) in these old towns, but by the advice of the agent & other officers of the government, they have settled out, made comfortable cabins, enclosed their fields by a worm fence, & enjoy the benefits of their labour, & stock, and are measurably clothed by their own industry.

Government and Leaders

This nation is governed by a king and council. The king is merely nominal, having no coercive powers, his language is rather persuasive than otherwise, & he is reverenced more like a father than a king. The great council of the nation is composed of the war and village Chiefs; some of the former have their seats by hereditary right, entailed on particular families; the latter by merit.

They meet at some house appointed & deliberate on such things as are laid before them, when the king selects one having the best Oratorical abilities to deliver the voice of the nation in the presence of the warriors, who attend for their satisfaction & instruction, & thereby gain a knowledge of the situation of their nation, & the mode in which business has been done by their forefathers.

William Glover, a half breed, of a strong mind, but wants stability, stands high with the people. Mingo Mattahaw and Charles Lou real Indians & of not great abilities have a seat in their councils, & have their weight.—Tisshamastubba [Tishomingo] is the speaker of the nation, is a very good man, & have full confidence in him. He now fills the place of George Colbert, who has for some time declined attending to business.

George Colbert altho' he has declined siting in council has more the ear of the nation, & more weight than any of his people. He is an artful designing man more for his own interest, than that of his nation; having the [river] ferries in his own family, & some valuable stages on the road. He being of the governing party, perhaps, causes the rest to be unwilling to grant the stages required on the road, haughty jealous people, not most friendly to the whites.(2)

Traditional Customs Falling into Disuse

The Indians are falling off from their former customs & habits very fast, as they are fast mixing with the whites. There are a great many half breed among the Chickasaws & Chacktaws. They begin to eat as much as the whites & be fond of the luxuries of life. They begin to have mid wives in cases of childbirth, particularly the half breeds, their labours are equally as hard as the whites but it is said the true Indian is otherwise.

The women have exchanged their little hoes & skin aprons, for spring wheels, & home manufactured cloth. They have weavers among them employed at their expense by the United States, where there is many hundred yards of cloth manufactured per year.(3) They are done with the hunt. The men have laid down their gun & tomahawk & taken up the implements of husbandry.

The Indian game never grew scarce before the europians introduced a trade with them & encouraged a peltry & fur trade. They not made havock among the innocent animals of the earth merely for the skins, & the flesh wasted. From this time the game has been on the decline….The game up the Mississippi and Missouri will soon be abolished & destroyed as they have caught the spirit of trade. Thousands of buffaloe, deer, bear & beaver are shot down yearly solely for the skin.

When life is despaired of by their Doctors the person is washed, painted, & their best apparel put on them & little or no nourishment is given them. The ancient custom, was to bury with the dead all articles of clothing, saddle, bridle, & all impliments of war, & to kill the favourite saddle horse of the deceased. that custom is now measurably done away, & those things most valuable are preserved, the saddle horse is exchanged for another, that the family may not after see him.

[The Chickasaw] have a belief that there is a hereafter & that all those that are good who do not kill, steal, lye & c. will go where they will be happy and

*See **Observations,** page 28*

Chikashshahi', the Chickasaw potato, was probably an aquatic plant

Most of us, at one time or another, have heard of the Chickasaw horse, the Chickasaw plum or the Chickasaw rose. But who has heard of a plant that was so highly regarded by outsiders that it was dubbed the "Chickasaw potato?"

Chickasaw Nation Division of History, Research and Scholarship writer John P. Dyson's study into the *Chikashshahi'*, "The Chickasaw Potato," and its origins reveals a distinct history well rooted in Chickasaw culture.

Dyson sought out in his research to uncover the *Chikashshahi'* origins, its purpose in Chickasaw culture, and if it had since become extinct.

Dyson discovered early descriptions of the fabled plant in a passage noted in *The History of the American Indians*, where British trader James Adair's description makes it clear that *Chikashshahi'* (the Chickasaw spelling) were aquatic plants with large, round, floating leaves and a dimple where the leaves attached to the stalk. The tribes of the Mississippi Valley used the plant as a food source and internal/external medicine.

Further research noted that the *Chikashshahi'* was so esteemed that is was the name of a Choctaw head town. A list compiled by ethnologist John R. Swanton showed only two Indian towns named for edible plants, *Bissaiasha* ("Blackberry Patches") and *Chikashahi'* ("Chickasaw Potatoes"), a Choctaw head town.

The Chickasaws, Choctaws, and Quapaws lived on the banks of the *Chikashahi Okhina*, the "Chickasaw Potato River," that feeds into the Mississippi River. The French recorded both the town and the river as *Tchicachaé* and the British called it "Chickasawhay." It continues to appear on today's Mississippi maps as the Chickasawhay River.

Today there is no plant in existence classified by scientists as the *Chikashahi'* or known as "The Chickasaw Potato." Dyson's findings conclude the only aquatic native that fits his research, into the description and uses, of the *Chikashshahi* is the American yellow lotus or water-chinquapin, *Nelumbo lutea*.

The American yellow lotus may be the lost "Chickasaw Potato" which provided so many benefits to the Chickasaw natives over a century ago. Through research and history of the *Chikashshahi'*, Dyson discovered the original native origins, purpose, and existence of the "Chickasaw Potato" in today's culture.

To learn more about John P. Dyson's study into "The Chickasaw Potato," readers can visit the full length study on the web at www.chickasawtimes.net

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have plenty—but those who are otherwise will go to a place of poverty & scarcity. Their mode of worship if it may be called so consists in crying over the dead & c…I asked if it was common for them to cry for the dead, & was told that when one died…the corpse was carried off & intered. a pole was set up in the yard & painted, they all would sum up their memory and mark on it the number of their friends that had died as far back as possible.

They then collect every day under that pole or staff, sit down & cry or pretend to it for several hours...from one to three months. when they give over this time or lamentation the pole is thrown down & cast out of sight, so that nothing shall remain to continue the memory of the departed. (4)

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(1) Source: National Archives website, London, England.

(2) Jennings says these and subsequent evaluations of George Colbert's character are illuminating, tending to corroborate comments of similar tenor in officials documents. Colbert's own letters show him to have been shrewd and grasping in his business affairs. These stages were commonly called stands or inns. The reason given here by Nutt may explain why the tribal leaders resisted official pressure so long.

(3) Weavers, blacksmiths and other artisans were provided as teachers by the Federal government in accordance with treaty agreements, in order to hasten "civilizing" of the tribesmen. The workmen might be either at the Agency or in other locations specified by the Indians.

(4) This description of mourning is quite similar to the mourning ritual described by Thomas Nairne who wrote about his visit to a Chickasaw village in 1708. His letters were included in a book titled, *Nairne's Muskhogean Journals* published by the University Press of Mississippi. I'm not sure if this belief of not referring to the dead applied exclusively to the family or applied to all tribal members.

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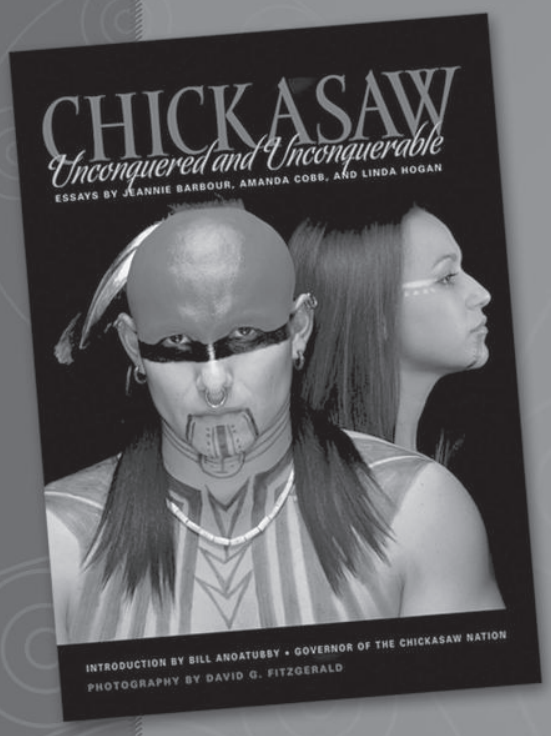
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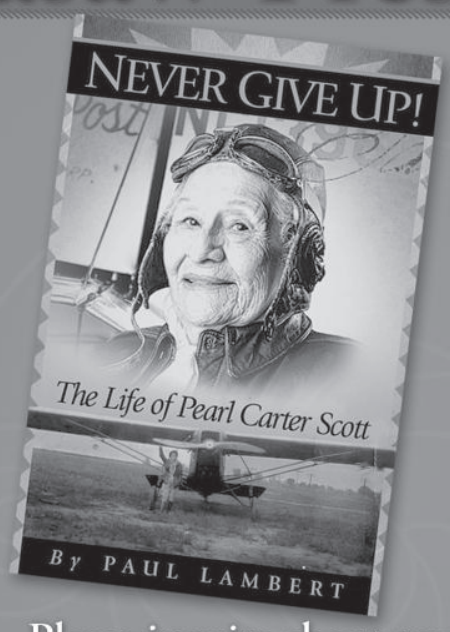

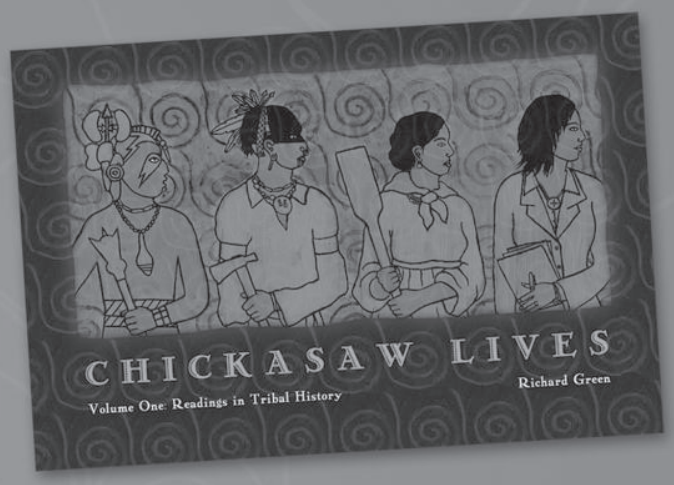

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erty belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 26 East in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma, containing 143.68 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $431.04, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $53.88 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-092

Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties

Arkansas River Bed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Gary A. Monroe and Associates, Post Office Box 2110, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902. Gary A. Monroe and Associates has submitted an acceptable bid of $187.00 per acre for a total bonus of $15,786.54, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $1,973.32, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 27 East in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma, containing 84.42 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $253.26, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $31.66 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Sequoyah and LeFlore counties, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by:Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-093

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

McAlester Watershed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of R. D. Williams & Company, Post Office Box 516, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402. R. D. Williams & Company has submitted an acceptable bid of $6,616.00 per acre for a total bonus of $4,234,240.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $1,058,560.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: the NE¼; NW¼; SE¼; SW¼ of Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 14 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 640.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $1,920.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $480.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-094

Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County

Tribal Tract 830

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Samson Resources Company, Two West 2nd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74103-3103. Samson Resources Company has submitted an acceptable bid of $750.00 per acre for a total bonus of $60,000.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $15,000.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in and to: the NE¼ of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 13 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 160.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $240.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $60.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Atoka County, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-095

Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore County

Tribal Tract 511-A

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Shields Energy, Inc., 507 South 14th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901. Shields Energy, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $227.00 per acre for a total bonus of $3,307.39, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $826.85, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in and to: the N½SW¼NW¼; SW¼SW¼NW¼ less 0.86 acres described as beginning at a point 2.90 chains East of the ¼ section corner between sections 4 and 5, Township 10 North, Range 27 East, thence North 71 degrees, East 7.51 chains; thence South 2.44 Chains; thence West 7.10 chains to the POB, containing 29.14 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $43.71, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $10.93 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: LeFlore County, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-096

Oil and Gas Lease in Latimer County

Tribal Tract 433

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Unit Petroleum Company, Post Office Box 702500, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74170-2500. Unit Petroleum Company has submitted an acceptable bid of $1,011.00 per acre for a total bonus of $111,210.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $27,802.50, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: the N½SE¼; W½SW¼SE¼; SE¼SW¼SE¼ of Section 5, Township 6 North, Range 21 East, Latimer County, Oklahoma, containing 110.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $330.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $82.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Latimer County, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-097

Oil and Gas Lease in Coal County

Scattered Tract 17

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Vernon L. Smith & Associates, Inc., Post Office Box 720053, Norman, Oklahoma 73070. Vernon L. Smith & Associates, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $7507.07 per acre for a total bonus of $900,848.40, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $900,848.40, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: the N½S½SW¼; N½SW¼ of Section 13, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Coal County, Oklahoma, containing 120 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $360.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $360.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Coal County, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-098

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

McAlester Watershed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of XTO Energy, Inc., 810 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. XTO Energy, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $5,445.00 per acre for a total bonus of $1,851,300.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $462,825.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: the N½NE; SENE; N½SENE; NW; N½N½SW of Section 25, Township 6 North, Range 14 East, U.S.A. in Trust in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 340.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $1,020.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $255.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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General Resolution Number 25-099

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

McAlester Watershed

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of XTO Energy, Inc., 810 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. XTO Energy, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $5,445.00 per acre for a total bonus of $1,306,800.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $326,700.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided mineral interest in and to: the NE¼; NE¼NW¼; NE¼SE¼ of Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 14 East, U.S.A. in Trust in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 240.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $720.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $180.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

Use: Oil and Gas Lease

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-100

Authorization for Prospecting Permit in Atoka County

Explanation: This Resolution approves Prospecting Permit number G09-1685 in favor of Veritas DGC Land, Inc., 10300 Town Park Drive, Houston, Texas 77072, for a prospecting permit across one (1) property jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations for an access fee of $15.00 per acre for a total of $9,484.50, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2,371.13, for a term of one year beginning with the date of approval.

Property Location: Atoka County

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-101

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: The construction of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur has created the need for a structure to house and maintain equipment and personnel to help support the center. This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Sulphur Facilities & Support Shop/Office Building, Project Number 20-0079-08 in the amount of $83,580.00.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Holly Easterling, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-102

Correction to Legal Description in GR 25-043

Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County

Tribal Tract No. 702-A

Explanation: This resolution corrects the legal description to the Oil and Gas Lease requested by R. D. Williams & Company, P.O. Box 516, Ardmore, OK 73402. R. D. Williams & Company has submitted an acceptable bid of $1,897.17 per acre for a total bonus of $37,943.40, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $9,485.85, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in the SE¼NE¼ of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 12 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 40 acres more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $60.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $15.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

The erroneous legal was SE¼NE¼ of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 12 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: SE¼NE¼ of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 12 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma.

Use: Oil and gas lease.

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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will be installing an irrigation system and seeding the promontory mound with over 10 surface acres of Native grass seeds."

Development of the AICCM began in the early 1990s when a Price-Waterhouse study found Oklahoma had not done enough to showcase its American Indian heritage.

As a result, the state developed the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority to construct and operate a cultural center and museum to generate awareness of that heritage.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby is chairman of the NACEA Board.

"This cultural center is part of great progress in the state of Oklahoma," said Gov. Anoatubby. "If you look at all the activity in downtown Oklahoma City and in Tulsa and all the economic development efforts of tribes and in the rural areas, you can see that we are in the midst of exciting growth in the state."

The AICCM is designed to provide a venue for all 39 tribes in Oklahoma to not only preserve their culture and heritage, but to educate others as well.

"Oklahoma has been shaped by the presence and influence of Native American people and tribal governments," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This center will help preserve the culture and heritage of each of our tribes and educate people on just how important that heritage is to the success of this state."

The American Indian Cultural Center & Museum includes a 125,000 square-foot museum on a 300-acre site located on river trust property donated by the City of Oklahoma City. It will also include a landscaped park and trails system, and a privately developed commercial enterprise/arts marketplace.

A visitor center is set for completion this fall.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Elder's Culture Day, continued from page 1

Cornelius, Cultural Resources program director, shared original flute music on his handmade flutes.

The Chickasaw Dance Troupe was also on hand to perform traditional Chickasaw stomp dances.

Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel was in attendance as well.

"It is an honor to be here to spend time with the elders of our nation," Lt. Gov. Keel said, "and it is a great day to be Chickasaw."

After a chili and cornbread lunch, the Council of Elders conducted a forum to discuss traditions and values.

For more information on future Elders' Culture Days, contact the Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Quentin Lee Hudson

Quentin Lee Hudson, 47, of Sedalia, Mo., died Aug. 16, 2008, at University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. Funeral services were Aug. 22, 2008 at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Anthony Martin officiating. Burial followed in United Methodist Cemetery, Florence, Mo.

Mr. Hudson was born Aug. 7, 1961 in Sedalia to Larry and Joann Shakles Hudson. He married Monica Sue Snapp July 14, 1990 in Sedalia.

Mr. Hudson worked as a construction contractor. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He loved NASCAR racing and tinkering around with vehicles. He especially loved his family and helping people. He was especially proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

He is survived by his wife, Monica Hudson, of the home; a daughter, Savanah Hudson, of the home; his father, Larry Hudson, and stepmother, Sharon Hudson, of Smithton, Mo.; his mother, Joann Hatch, and stepfather, Jim Hatch, of Lincoln, Mo.; his maternal grandmother, Irene Pauley, of Houstonia, Mo.; and two brothers, Michael Hudson, of Kingsville, Mo., and Todd Hudson, of Sedalia.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ashton Quenn Hudson.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ashton Hudson Scholarship Fund at Morgan County R-1 School.

Friends may sign the family's guest register at www.heckartfuneralhome.com.

Ashton Quenn Hudson

Ashton Quenn Hudson, 16, of Florence, Mo., died June 8, 2008, at University Hospital in Columbia, Mo. Funeral services were June 13, 2008 at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Anthony Martin officiating. Burial followed in a cemetery in Florence.

She was born July 29, 1991, in Sedalia, Mo., to Quentin Lee and Monica Sue Snapp Hudson.

She liked helping her father on the farm. She loved deer and turkey hunting and fishing with her father. She also liked riding ATVs and listening to music. She loved being with friends and family.

As a A+ program student, she enjoyed mentoring students, including incoming freshmen. Her lifelong dream was to become a grade school teacher. She played volleyball and was a member of National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

She was an organ donor. She worked at Long John Silver's.

She was very proud of her Chickasaw Indian heritage

She is survived by her parents, of the home; a sister, Savanah Hudson, of the home; her paternal grandparents, Larry and Sharon Hudson, of Smithton, Mo., and Jim and JoAnn Hatch, of Lincoln, Mo.; her maternal grandmother, Jo Ellen Snapp, of Smithton; and a paternal great-grandmother, Irene Pauley, of Houstonia, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Roy Snapp.

Pallbearers were Mike Hudson, Todd Hudson, Trent Snapp, Colby Snapp, Austin Marcum, Adam Marcum, Tyler Wilson, Thatcher Wehmeyer and Austin Rasa.

Honorary pallbearers were Morgan and Kelly Marriott and her sophomore classmates.

Condolences may be sent online at www.heckartfuneralhome.com.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Ashton Quenn Hudson Memorial Scholarship that will be established at the Morgan County R-1 School District in Stover.

Jacey Fae Hudson

Jacey Fae Hudson, of Kingsville, Mo., beloved and sweetest daughter and sister died June 7, 2008 from an auto accident. She was born May 2, 1994 to Mike and Kristi Hudson.

Services were June 11, 2008 at Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church. Burial followed in Lee's Summit Cemetery.

She attended Our Lady of Presentation School in Lee's Summit, Missouri through sixth grade and Holden Middle School.

She was a sweet, caring, thoughtful, compassionate girl. One of her best qualities was her sense of humor and her ability to leave a lasting impression on anyone she met. She loved spending time with her friends. She was loved much in life and will always be in our hearts.

She is survived by her parents, Michael and Kristi; a brother, Jayden Hudson, of the home; dear friend, Briana Nichols; grandparents, Larry and Betty Jones, of Lee's Summit; Jim and Joanna Hatch, of Lincoln, Mo.; Larry and Sharon Hudson, of Smithton, Mo.; and numerous family and special friends who will all miss her.

Jonnie Marie Farr

Jonnie Marie Carter Farr, 87, died Sept. 5, 2008 at her residence in Sulphur, Okla. Services were Sept. 9, 2008 at Antlers (OK) City Cemetery, with Rev. Edwin Bernard officiating.

Mrs. Farr was born Nov. 29, 1920 to Chickasaw citizen John E. Carter and Lena Crow.

She lived in and around Healdton, Okla., most of her early years. She attended school at Dundee, Okla., and one semester at a private school in California. She received her diploma with the class of 1938. School activities included Quartette, Glee Club, band and school plays. Serving on the student council several times, she was on the state and national honor rolls, was salutatorian of her graduating class and received the sweater as Outstanding Senior Girl.

She attended Murray State School where she was active in Phi Theta Kappa, Quartette, Glee Club, band and campus YMCA. She received a bachelor of arts degree in education and English from Southeastern State College, Durant, Okla., while working three different jobs. During the war years she worked at Douglas Aircraft in Oklahoma City.

She met George Churchul Farr, a Choctaw from Antlers, in college and they were married June 14, 1943 in Yuma, Ariz. During his service with the U.S. Army Air Corps they lived in Brazil, North Carolina, Colorado, Texas, Alabama, Okinawa and Oregon. He preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 1958.

She moved to Midwest City, Okla., and worked as a substitute teacher for the Mid-Del school district, volunteered at Tinker Air Force Base Hospital and was a civilian worker at Tinker Air Force Base. She was involved with ordering the parts for the B-1 Bomber and retired as an Item Manager after 18 years.

While living in Midwest City she was a member of Gold Star Wives, Tinker Officers Wives, The Sweet Adelines, a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, a member of the Midwest Boulevard Christian Church and active with the Dundee alumni.

She enjoyed traveling to the New York Worlds Fair, Ramseys II Exhibit in Dallas, Dallas Cowboys football games, Vicksburg, Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Australia and New Guinea.

Mrs. Farr spent her last seven years in Sulphur where she enjoyed being around her family and being back around Carter County and her "old stomping ground."

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a son, George.

She is survived by her daughter, Maria Goodman and husband, Mike, of Sulphur; daughter-in-law, Leanna Farr, of Owasso, Okla.; a sister, Hoberta Harwell, of Del City, Okla.; two grandsons, Staff Sgt. Kurt Allen Brandon and wife, Denise, of New River, Ariz., and George Christopher Farr and wife, Leonna, of Owasso; a great-grandson, Cody John Bolin, of Tulsa; a great-granddaughter, Grace Marie Brandon, of New River; four step-great-granddaughters; two step-great-grandsons; several nieces and nephews; and special companions, Prissy and B.B.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Parkinson Foundation of Oklahoma, 1000 W. Wilshire Blvd., Suite 364, Oklahoma City, OK 73116.

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Addie Louise Woodward

Addie Louise Henderson Woodward, 99, of Mangum, Okla., formerly of Martha, died Sept. 2, 2008 at the Mangum Community Hospital. She was born March 9, 1909 at Berwyn, Okla., (now Gene Autry, Okla.), to original enrollees Charles Colbert Henderson and Lucy Young Henderson.

Services were Sept. 5, 2008 at Mangum First United Methodist Church with Rev. Don Tabberer officiating. Interment followed in the Martha Cemetery.

She was a 1927 graduate of Berwyn High School. She married Nathan Wallace Woodward on Dec. 26, 1930 at Gene Autry, where they lived until 1937. They moved to Olustee, Okla., with their three sons, Robert Nathan, Howard Gerald and James Melvin. Their daughter, Lawana Ruth, was born at Olustee. Mr. Woodward formed in Olustee and the Victory area until moving to Martha in 1941 where their youngest daughter, Elizabeth Janell as born.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward served as class parents of the Martha High School class of 1951. They were involved in many school activities for many years and continued farming in the Martha Community until his death in 1979.

Mrs. Woodward loved to quilt and to cook. Many of her family members have and cherish quilts she made. She would start making and hiding candy for the holidays around Thanksgiving. Everyone seemed to know where the candy was hid, but there was always enough to last through Christmas.

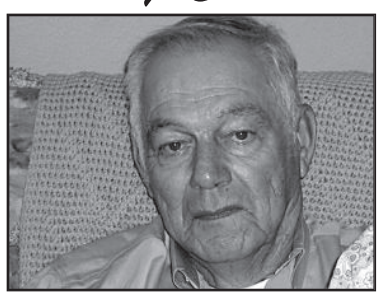
Her family and most of her friends called her Mam-ma. She joined the Methodist Church of Berwyn at a very early age, and attended at Martha, Altus and was a member of First United at Mangum at the time of her death.

She was a resident at Grace Living Center in Mangum since January 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nathan; a daughter, Ruth; a son, Gerald; a grandson, Behrens; and a granddaughter, Deborah; brothers, Jake, James, Pete and Wesley; sisters, Modena, Thelma, Tig; and her parents.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Woodward and wife, Helen, of Abilene, Texas, and James Woodward and wife, Norma, of Mustang, Okla.; a daughter, Janell Adams and husband, Jerry, of Mangum; 13 grandsons; two granddaughters, 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Donald "Don" Ray Clark



Funeral services for Donald Ray "Don" Clark, 69, of Ada, Okla., were August 21, at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, with Rev. Farron Oliver officiating. Burial followed in Maxwell Cemetery.

Mr. Clark died at his home August 17 from a very short illness. He was born April 27, 1939, in Ada, to Carson Thurlow and Eva Perry Clark.

He was a lifelong resident of Ada and attended schools at Oakman, Francis, and Byng. He was a heavy equipment operator and truck driver.

Mr. Clark served in the U.S. Army from April 27, 1957 to August 23, 1958 and received an honorable discharge.

He married Patsy Ruth Wall Feb. 6, 1961. She died January 30, 1994.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister Bonnie Brown; and a brother Sam Clark.

He is survived by a daughter, Dana Deatherage and husband Jerry, Francis, Okla.; a son, Tim Clark and wife Rose, Pittsburgh; a granddaughter Dena Felkins and husband Boot, Fitzhugh, Okla.; two grandsons Dustin Johnson, Ada, and Ryan Sharrow, Nice, France; a great-granddaughter Jayden Johnson, Francis; a brother Gene Clark and wife Nicki, Konawa, Okla.; two sisters Sue Clark, Ada, and Ardell Brown and husband Charles, Bedford, Texas.

Mr. Clark is the grandson of original enrollees Simon and Cisen Perry.

Bearers were Mark Manuel, Shannon Frederick, Jimmy Jennings, Jr., Nathan Traylor, Michael Jordon and Junior Grissom.

Honorary bearers were Floyd Burk, Eddie James, Junior Ring, Jimmy Jennings, Brandon Braddick and Farmers State Bank employees.

Joe Wyatt (Shackelford) Hollenbeck

Joe Wyatt (Shackelford) Hollenbeck died Aug. 3, 2008 in Ada, Okla. He was born Sept. 21, 1939 at the Chigley Mansion in Davis, Okla., to Fay H. and Garnet P. (Chigley) Shackelford.

He attended elementary school in Davis and graduated from Dixon (OK) High School after being adopted by relatives. He attended Murray State College in Tishomingo.

In 1959 he married Ruth Hill who preceded him in death in 1992.

Mr. Hollenbeck worked for Braniff International Airlines for many years and retired from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 2005.

His mother, Garnet Pocahontas Chigley, was the daughter of Wyatt Chigley who owned a hardware store in Davis. His grandfather was Nelson Chigley who settled in the town of Davis, and built the Chigley Mansion. Nelson Chigley served on the Chickasaw Legislature and for a time was acting Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Ruth (Hill) Hollenbeck; a sister, Patricia F. Shackelford; and a brother, John R. Shackelford.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie Hollenbeck, of Lexington, Okla.; his stepmother, Vye (King) Shackelford, of Davis; two brothers, Michael G. Shackelford, of Chicago, and Ronald D. Shackelford, of Boston; two sons, Joe Wyatt Hollenbeck Jr., of Luther, Okla., and David Alan and wife, JoAnn Hollenbeck, of Salem Township, Mich.; a daughter, Susie (Hollenbeck) Tate and her husband, Van, of Cache, Okla.; five grandchildren; four stepsons, Andy Register and wife, Shelly, Robert Register and wife, Tawny, and Trevor and Charles Register.

Chenena James Roach

Chenena James Roach died April 20, 2008 after suffering sudden kidney failure. A memorial service was April 23, 2008 at Crown Heights Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. Graveside services were May 17, 2008 at Rose Hill Cemetery, Wapanucka, Okla.

She was born July 22, 1928 at Bromide, Okla., to Rufus "Cub" James and Vinnie May (Seely) James, both original Chickasaw enrollees.

Known to others as Nena, Mom, Gram, and Anchie, she was excitedly anticipating the celebration of her 80th birthday July 22, 2008. Having heard her say many times that she wanted "to go to sleep one night and wake up in heaven," we are confident that though she did not make her earthly celebration, she shared a celebration in her new heavenly home with all of those who went before her.

Graduating as valedictorian from Wapanucka High School, she received her bachelor of science degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She retired from the State of Oklahoma as an administrative accountant.

She was proud of her Chickasaw heritage and especially proud of Governor Anoatubby, whom she called "my Governor A."

Serving on the Chickasaw Historical Society was one of her most important endeavors. She cherished the accomplishments made by the Chickasaw Historical Society during her tenure and she attended the dedications and ceremonies with great zeal. Having the historical society members to her home each year for dinner during the holiday season was one of her greatest joys. In 2003 she was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame. Perhaps her proudest moment was when she and her brother, Chickasaw Governor Emeritus Overton James, presented the Chickasaw Tribe with the manuscript and tapes of the Chickasaw Dictionary made by her mother and stepfather, Vinnie and Jesse Humes. She often said that listening to the cd of the Chickasaw Dictionary was "like sitting in the room with Mama."

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, BH Roach; a brother, Rufus James; and a cousin, Kenneth Meeler.

She is survived by her daughter, Deatron "Dede" Williams and husband, Gary, of Durant, Okla.; grandsons, Christopher Williams and wife, Angie, of Durant, and Travis Williams and wife, Heather, of Pottsboro, Texas; a beloved great-granddaughter, Presley Williams, of Durant; her loyal and much loved brother, Overton James, former Governor of the Chickasaw Nation; special niece, Ranell Harry; great-niece, Dedra Lower; great-great-niece and nephew, Katelyn and Christopher Lower, all of Tulsa; a nephew, Van James and wife, Connie, Cache, Okla.; niece, Sue Hooper and husband, Roy, of Lawton, Okla.; cousin, Mattie Wessel, Miramar, Fla.; and a host of Maytubby relatives in California, Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Her kindness, frankness, generosity, positive outlook and energetic spirit will be missed by all who knew her and especially by those who loved her.

Memorial contributions can be made to her church home, Crown Heights Baptist Church, 4802 N. Western, Oklahoma City, where she was a Sunday School teacher for 40 years and where she left behind many wonderful friends.